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Lilley to tackle benefit excesses

Longer jail sentences for burglars

By Philip Webster, political editor

MICHAEL HOWARD will try to restore the Government's reputation on law and order today with a fresh package of anti-crime measures, including longer prison sentences for persistent burglars.

The Home Secretary will continue the effort to lift Conservative morale after a raft of populist announcements — including a crackdown on benefit abuse — and a barnstorming speech from Michael Heseltine at the party conference in Blackpool yesterday.

Mr Howard is expected to respond to public concern about the leniency of some sentences with an extra term of "preventive detention", probably six months, on top of the maximum existing sentences for burglars who repeatedly offend.

He is also likely to say that "career burglars" could be brought before Crown courts rather than magistrates' courts in future. Ministers are alarmed at the failure of magistrates to impose long prison sentences even though they can jail offenders for up to six months.

Yesterday, ministers began making good their pledge to use the conference to flesh out policy initiatives, with Peter Lilley leading the way with a multi-pronged attack on benefit excesses.

The Social Security Secretary promised to end automatic benefits for the 40,000 people who seek asylum in Britain each year, a move that could save up to £200m; to introduce computerised smart cards to stamp out fraud and to offer incentives for Post Office workers to discover and inform on fraudsters.

Mr Lilley delighted the conference with a pledge to reinvent the welfare system in a way that combined responsibility and compassion and his prediction that social security would be a winning card for the Tories at the election.

His were among several initiatives designed to appeal to the gut instincts of the party. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, announced plans to improve children's speaking ability so that they did not "communicate by grunt" and for a new professional qualification for aspiring headteachers.

One of the computerised "smart cards" to replace Post Office books for all 20 million benefit claimants was shown to the conference by Peter Lilley. The cards, which will be "swiped" to reveal details of the holder's entitlement, are to be tested next year and introduced nationally over three years.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, announced that motorists without car tax discs would have their vehicles wheel-clamped. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, disclosed plans to cut health authority spending on administration by 5 per cent next year.

Just as important for party morale was the tub-thumping oratory of Mr Heseltine, revelling before conference for the first time in his role as Deputy Prime Minister, but Michael Portillo faced a backlash from pro-European MPs over the tone of his attack on Brussels on Tuesday. One senior minister is believed to have protested to John Major when he learnt of its contents.

Back in the Winter Gardens, however, Mr Heseltine took the conference by storm with a classic performance that included a lacerating attack on Tony Blair's "nauseating hypocrisy" in giving his son a privileged education while vowing to scrap the assisted places scheme that allows some 70,000 less privileged children to go to private schools.

Labour was unfit to govern he said, and his message that Mr Blair could be beaten earned him a rapturous ovation. Rejecting defeatism, he declared: "Remember Alamein, the turning point. This conference is a turning point. A party determined to fight, with the unity to succeed, with the will to win, with a vision worth the battle.

"Get off your seats, go back to the constituencies, come out of your foxholes, take the battle to the enemy — we are fighting for a fifth period in office."

Today, Mr Heseltine's oratory will be followed by key speeches from Kenneth Clarke — who has the toughest task of the week in trying to reassure the party that he can keep the recovery on course and deliver tax cuts — and Mr Howard.

The Home Secretary will build on his strong hint about a tougher sentencing regime in a speech to Police Superintendents' Association last week. Then, he expressed surprise at research detailing the sentences passed by magistrates and he suggested that persistent burglars might be dealt with by a judge in a Crown court, where the maximum sentence for domestic burglary is 14 years. He emphasised that it was not his job to instruct the courts what sentences to impose, but his preference for longer sentences was clear.

Mr Howard may also use his speech to the conference today to announce the creation of a new national crime-fighting unit to provide a coordinated response to organised international criminals operating in Britain. It could be made up of officers from the Security Service (MI5) and the National Criminal Intelligence Service.

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Young sets date for £2bn Railtrack sale

By Jonathan Prynn and Arthur Leathley

A £2 BILLION stock market flotation of Railtrack next spring was given the green light yesterday by Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, in his speech to the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool.

At least 51 per cent of Railtrack, the body responsible for the 23,000-mile railway network, 1,000 tunnels and 2,500 stations, will be offered to the City and the investing public through a share issue, Sir George said.

Sir George insisted that the announcement of the sale proved that the sell-off, the most complex ever attempted by the Government, remained on track. "Privatisation is happening and will bring better services to passengers," he said. "We will set the railways free as we set British Telecom free." No longer would the railway industry be a public sector dinosaur but instead "consumer conscious companies" would win back passengers.

In an attempt to avoid further controversy over the pay of directors of privatised utilities, Sir George said that the sale would provide a stake for Railtrack staff but "no bonanza for the board".

The spring sale date was hailed by Bob Horton, the Railtrack chairman. "It will give investors, both large and small, the opportunity to invest in Britain's railway infrastructure," he said.

Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary, condemned the announcement as a "desperate" attempt to inject momentum into the faltering privatisation. Rail unions denounced the "disastrous news".

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Davida Shelton, two years old yesterday, and mother Sonja after fetching a medal for the father she never knew

Birthday honours for hero father

By Michael Horsnell

A PRETTY girl with a blue ribbon in her hair met the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday to help to collect the George Medal posthumously awarded to her father, who died seven weeks before she was born.

Davida Shelton celebrated her second birthday by collecting Britain's highest peacetime bravery award in honour of the man killed trying to save his workmates at Bilsthorpe Colliery, Nottinghamshire, in August 1993. Accompanied by her mother and three-year-old sister Melodie, Davida at first found the investiture too demanding and threw herself on the red carpet. But all went smoothly after her mother Sonja, 22, picked her up.

David Shelton, 31, a colliery under-manager and one of three who died, perished when 9,000 tonnes of rock collapsed on him 2,000ft below ground.

David Shelton: awarded the George Medal

He chose not to escape while there were miners at the coalface to warn of a roof fall.

His wife said yesterday: "No award can ease the pain suffered by all the families affected by the accident, and no award can erase the memory of the tragedy. David did not work in the coal industry to win awards . . . he did what many other men would have done in his position and I look upon this award as a tribute to all those concerned whose efforts have not been officially recognised."

Mrs Shelton, who plans to remarry next summer, added: "Nothing will ever remove the love and memory I have for David. But time moves on and I have two young children whose long-term interests are the most important concern in my life. My husband-to-be adores the children . . . we must look to the future — it's what David would have wanted."

Miners Peter Alcock, 50, and Bill McCulloch, 26, also died with Mr Shelton, but six escaped, including Ray Thompson, 47, who was also awarded the George Medal for bravery. Mr Thompson burrowed his way along a disused tunnel to bring a survivor to safety. He then returned to the danger area where Mr Shelton lay dead. "We all did what we had to do on that sad day," said Mr Thompson, who lives near the colliery. "If no one had been killed that day, this award would have meant so much more."

Treasury £3bn plan threatens staff perks

By Robert Miller

EMPLOYERS could face a tax bill of up to £3 billion for providing staff perks. As a result, millions of employees might lose benefits such as private health insurance, low-cost loans and mortgages and season tickets.

Treasury officials are understood to have drawn up proposals for next month's Budget to raise the extra money by introducing a tax on staff benefits through the National Insurance system. The extra revenue could be used to fund income tax cuts or to boost the housing market. Figures from the DSS Contributions Agency show that employers and their staff together contribute £36 billion a year through National Insurance payments.

At present, employees pay income tax on non-cash benefits, which also include some lesser perks such as membership of health clubs and gymnasiums, at their own marginal tax rate of either 25 per cent or 40 per cent. Employers pay National Insurance contributions for their staff at a rate of 10.2 per cent on income, but not on most perks. Under the proposed regime, however, Ernst & Young, the accountants, calculate that a firm with 200 employees that provides a range of benefits worth £40,000, or £200 a head, would face an extra bill of more than £4,000.

News that the Government is considering additional taxes on employers brought an angry reaction from employers' representatives. Timothy Melville-Ross, director general of the Institute of Directors, speaking from Blackpool where he is attending the Conservative Party conference, said: "A new tax on business is unacceptable. We want the Government to drive taxes down to help investment in businesses and to create

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Internet chief a millionaire

Peter Dawe, who founded the computer group Unipalm in 1986, has turned his investment of £7,000 into more than £22 million. The company was sold yesterday to an American firm for £97 million.

Unipalm Group is the largest UK access provider for the Internet. Mr Dawe, the managing director, owns 23.9 per cent of his company .... Pages 25, 28

Doctors told to treat smokers

Doctors have been told by the General Medical Council that they must not refuse to treat patients who smoke and drink excessively, and that they must be polite.

However, the revised rules on duties say that it is perfectly proper to warn patients of the risks of some unhealthy habits ..... Page 12

Car tax dodgers to be clamped

By Arthur Leathley and Jonathan Prynn

MOTORISTS who fail to display valid car tax discs are to have their vehicles wheel-clamped, Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, announced yesterday.

Cars without current licence discs will be treated as if they were illegally parked and immobilised by private clamping companies, Sir George told the Conservative Party Conference in Blackpool.

"It's not fair that some people should get away with not paying their taxes, leaving the rest of us to pick up the tab," he said. Vehicle tax evasion is estimated to be costing taxpayers more than £160 million a year, a 60 per cent rise since 1990.

A pilot scheme starting in London early next year is expected to be extended across the country by the end of the year. Motorists who fail to display a disc on their windscreens will have to pay £68 to have their cars unclamped and at least £235 if their vehicles are impounded, as well as the cost of the tax, which is £135.

The move was welcomed but motoring organisations urged the Government to use clamping as a last resort.

The "Denver Boot" has proved effective in reducing illegal parking, especially in cities, where it is usually administered by private companies. These firms will now also be responsible for clamping tax dodgers and will keep the fines to cover the cost of their new responsibilities.

Sir George said: "Far too many drivers think they can get away with keeping untaxed vehicles on the road. My message to them is clear: 'Get a tax disc or get the Boot'."

Trevor McDonald to be English arbiter

By David Charter
Education Correspondent

TREVOR McDONALD, the Trinidadian-born ITN newscaster who grew up in awe of posh voices on the BBC World Service, was yesterday appointed chairman of a new committee to improve children's spoken English.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, announced at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool that Mr McDonald would lead a £250,000 crusade to "replace communication by grunt".

The son of an oil-refinery worker who was brought up on Dickens, Shakespeare and long vowels crackling over the airwaves, Mr McDonald was said by colleagues last night to be relishing the chance to promote higher standards of English in schools. But John Simpson, Chief Editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, wondered if his formal style of Autocue English was appropriate for the playground.

Mr McDonald was not allowed to read comics as a child and was weaned on medical papers brought home by his father from his part-time job at a doctor's surgery. He learnt to cherish books and has never forgotten that his first school prize was Dickens' Great Expectations.

He has said his love of language and public speaking defeated his own shyness and propelled him to success as Britain's favourite newscaster. Now his mission is to captivate the nation's "grunters" with the same sense of excitement his own early mastery of English brought him.

McDonald: he was not allowed to read comics

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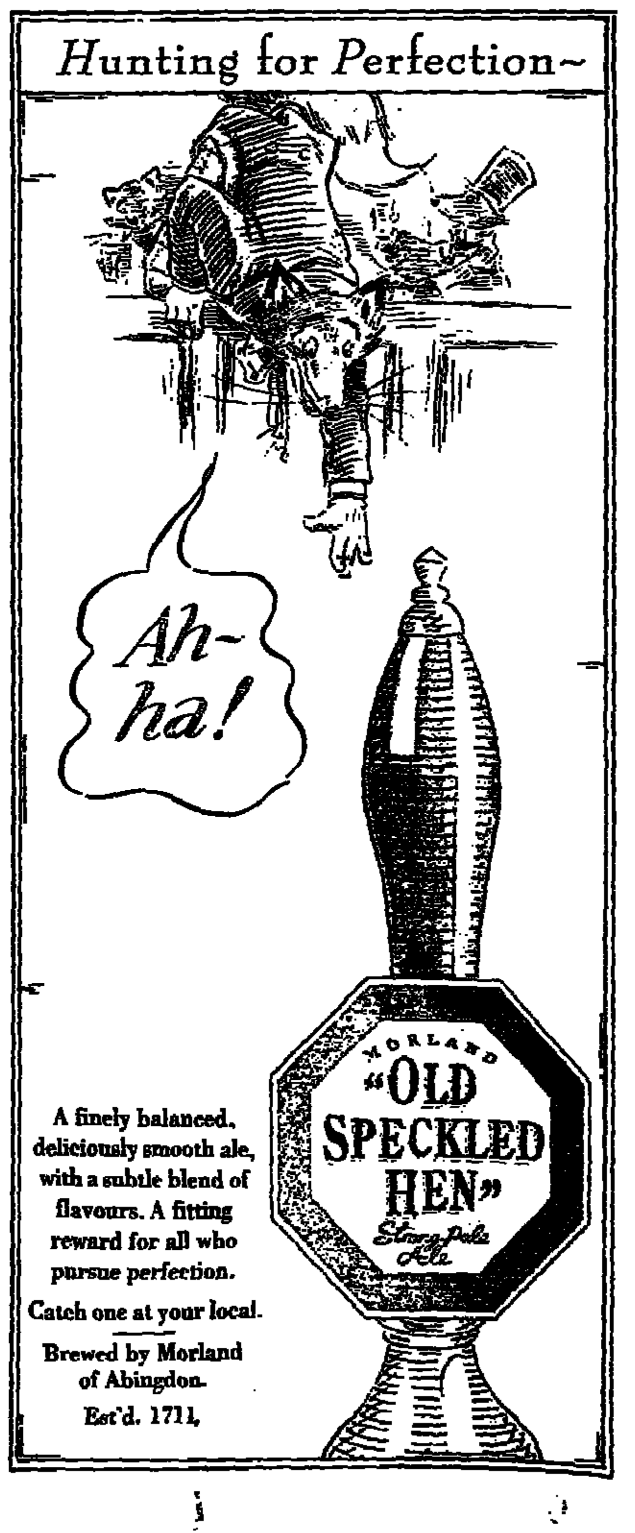

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MATTHEW PARRIS
CONFERENCE SKETCH

NOT a hundred yards from Blackpool's Winter Gardens yesterday, in a shopping arcade, an elderly gentleman had set up his one-man band for the entertainment of tourists. With his own portable microphone and loudspeakers and a backing track, he was singing reprises from much-loved songs of yesteryear. He was quite good. As I passed the old showman, he was belting out *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*. He handed passers-by a promotional leaflet advertising a cassette he has recorded (*Stranger in Paradise, Wonderful World, Careless Hands*) under the title "Silver Threads Among the Gold".

Inside the Winter Gardens, another elderly gentleman was entertaining the crowds in much the same manner. Michael Heseltine, too, had arranged for a microphone and loudspeakers. "I am not going to sing," he told us. But he did dance.

Yesterday's speech from the Deputy Prime Minister must be judged a great conference success. There was the customary pledge of loyalty, one good joke and a handful of indifferent ones. There were a couple of Blair-bashing sessions and a sideswipe at John Prescott. A familiar theme to those of us who have watched the last 16 Heseltine conference speeches was the "same old Labour beneath the mask" refrain. This recurred a number of times. He even treated us to a reprise of a particularly celebrated passage from a speech he made almost two decades ago about Labour's one-step military march: "Left, left, left ..." Heseltine then pantomimed new Labour: "About turn. Right, right, right", and performed the step for us, hopping along the platform. There was also a short poetry recitation: *The Vicar of Bray*.

Interspersed with the knockabout were some more serious numbers — "my lifelong struggle for the poor in the inner cities" — and a couple of up-tempo solos on the subject of technology, education and the future. Few but Michael Heseltine could get away with a line like, "across the United Kingdom a new dawn is coming", but he did. Nobody but Heseltine would risk, "come out of your fox holes!" and get away with it, but he did.

The speech appeared to have no structure. Reeling from dance to poem to economic league table: from joke to exultation to curse: from praise and promise to parody and anecdote, we watched, bewildered, as the realisation stole over us that we were witnessing not so much a speech as a Royal Variety Performance. This was The Best of Michael Heseltine, a sort of "these you have loved" selection of your 100 best conference moments. K-Tel should bring it out at Christmas in a cover version. The whole thing tottered dangerously on the verge of pantomime, but then Michael Heseltine always has.

He is rescued by his delivery. I studied this as the Deputy Prime Minister spoke yesterday, and noticed an important device. The great man is wont to roll through a string of phrases in each of which a key few words are repeated. Thus:

"*To win* because you are a far better Prime Minister ...

"*To win* because your policies are clearer ...

"*To win* because under your leadership ..."

He hits these key phrases hard and always on the same note. The effect is almost a chant: it is powerful, mesmerising, as indeed the radio shipping forecast can be. That it would work equally well if one were reading out the catalogue of a mail order incontinence-equipment supplier is overlooked.

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'This retreat into narrow aggressive insularity is a catastrophe for the country'

Timid Major a prisoner of Tory Right, says Howarth

By James Landale, political reporter

MARC ASPLAND

Alan Howarth, asked what it was like to shake Tony Blair's hand, described it as "a very good experience"

ALAN HOWARTH launched a fresh attack on the Conservatives yesterday, saying that the conference in Blackpool confirmed his worst fears that the party was lurching to the Right.

The former Tory MP for Stratford-on-Avon, who defected to Labour, branded the speech on Tuesday by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, as "an extraordinary tirade of anti-foreigner emotions" which showed that the "militant Right were doing all the running". Mr Howarth also warned that there were many other Tory MPs who felt similar concerns and could leave the party.

In a well-timed publicity stunt, Mr Howarth appeared in public with Tony Blair for the first time yesterday. Asked what it was like to shake the Labour leader's hand, Mr Howarth replied: "It is a very good experience."

He said Tuesday's proceedings at the Tory Party conference in Blackpool confirmed his worst fears. "We saw Dr Mawhinney opening up with an attack on local government and some unfortunate remarks about Asian minorities. We then saw Michael Portillo indulge in an extraordinary tirade of anti-foreigner emotions.

"It is exactly what I warned against. This retreat by the Tories into narrow, aggressive insularity is a catastrophe for the party and the country."

Mr Howarth said the lasting image he had was "of Mr Major, hunched and wan, while Michael Portillo was doing his great dictator thing beside him, appealing to Redwood groupies to come back and support him. It is the militant right in the Tory Party which is making the running. Mr Major has become a prisoner of them."

He said he had talked to one Tory MP yesterday morning who was "deeply shocked" by what he had seen and heard at Blackpool. "I do not doubt that there are a considerable number of my colleagues on the Tory benches who are thinking very deeply indeed," he said.

Asked about reports that the Labour peer Baroness Hollis had persuaded him to leave the Tories, Mr Howarth replied that it was degrading for journalists to ask such a question. "I have many friends in the Labour Party and many more friends this week," he said.

Mr Blair refused to confirm whether the former Tory MP would be selected as a Labour candidate for the next election. "What is absolutely clear is that the Labour Party has taken Alan to its heart," Mr Blair said. The Labour leader also used the event to launch a fresh attack on Mr Major. "Anyone watching the Tory conference has seen the lurch to the Right," he said. "Mr Major has simply got to decide whether to lead his party or be a prisoner of the extreme factions of the Right."

Reverberations from Mr Howarth's defection continued to spread yesterday as Tory MPs asked privately why the Whips' office did not spot the move in time.

The Whips have long regarded Mr Howarth as one of their most difficult MPs to deal with. Some thought he was so awkward that they could not rule out the possibility that he might cross the floor.

Mr Howarth, described by some as a bitter man, is said to have been deeply upset that he was not promoted in the 1992 reshuffle. He resigned at the time from his job as junior Education Minister, and is said to have "flounced off in a fit of pique".

The Whips deny that they could have done anything to stop him. It is claimed that Mr Howarth recently took informal soundings about whether he might rejoin the Government. But his poor voting record and membership of the "awkward squad" would have made it impossible for the Whips to give him a government position.

They also say that if an MP is going to cross the floor, the last person he would discuss it with is his Whip. As a former Whip himself, Mr Howarth would have known the pressure they would have put on him to remain with the party.

Tory MPs have also asked whether the Whips' office took their eye off the ball after the leadership election in July. Richard Ryder, the then Chief Whip, stood down in the resulting reshuffle and several new Whips were brought in.

High Court backs Howard

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

THE Home Secretary was cleared by the High Court yesterday of accusations that he unlawfully denied IRA prisoners the right to proper contact with their families and lawyers. Two judges rejected claims that Michael Howard acted outside his powers by directing that 13 convicted terrorists could receive only "closed visits".

Two IRA prisoners challenged new arrangements for 13 exceptionally high risk Category A prisoners imposed by Mr Howard after the Whitemoor jail escape. The arrangements prevent physical contact with visitors, who are separated by glass screens during meetings.

Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Wright rejected allegations that Mr Howard acted outside his powers by directing that convicted terrorists in "exceptionally high escape risk" category could receive only "closed visits".

The judges ruled that "closed visit" arrangements in their cases could not be described as "other than reasonable", given society's need for protection against high risk prisoners. They refused leave to appeal. The action was brought by Michael O'Brien, who is serving 18 years for the attempted murder of two police officers in North Yorkshire three years ago, and Liam O'Duibhuir, serving 30 years for conspiracy to cause explosions.

He took part in the Whitemoor incident with five other IRA prisoners and now faces a charge of breaking prison and possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life.

The judges stressed that the judgment did not mean that the Home Secretary could impose a general closed visits regime on other categories of prisoners, in other prisons or in other circumstances.

Workers' perks threatened

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new jobs and a move like this would be totally unhelpful."

Private medical insurance is the most popular perk after cars, which are already subject to a special tax regime. Roger Hymas, managing director of Bupa, Britain's largest private medical insurer, estimates that about two million people have such insurance provided by their companies. He expected a 10 per cent reduction, which would leave the NHS having to fund an extra £43 million worth of health care.

Other popular perks are mobile telephones for 190,000 employees, low-cost loans to 150,000 staff and home telephones covering 300,000 people. Under the new plan, an employer granting a low-cost £30,000 home loan could have to pay an extra £100. Income tax on perks already raises nearly £3 billion.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is due to give his keynote speech on the economy to the Tory conference today. He has been strongly tipped to refer to tax cuts and is widely expected to repeat the Government's support for the depressed home ownership market.

The new tax comes on top of strong indications that the Government plans to double the rate of insurance premium tax on home, car and medical insurance to 5 per cent. Such a move could add a further £28 to the average family's annual insurance premiums. The tax was introduced only last October, but is estimated to have raised £750 million.

☐ The Institute of Fiscal Studies calculates that the Chancellor could cut up to £3 billion from income tax, equivalent to up to 2p off the basic 25 per cent rate, without being "irresponsible". Alternatively, the institute suggests that he could widen the 20 per cent band so far that it would become the basic rate for most income-tax payers for about £3.3 billion if he restricted the value of the main income tax allowance to the 20 per cent rate.

Schoolboy shames rail chiefs over fares

Steven Silverman, 13, right, has embarrassed rail chiefs into admitting that they imposed a 50 per cent fare increase on passengers using an overcrowded commuter line to "suppress demand" (Jonathan Prynn writes). Managers on the South Wales and West Railway said they raised the price of season tickets for packed services in south Devon because they did not have the money to pay for extra carriages. The boy, who uses the train to travel to his grammar school in Torquay, complained about having to pay an extra £120 a year for the seven-mile journeys from his home in Teignmouth to the grammar school. His half-term season ticket had risen 60 per cent from £38.25 to £59.60. His unemployed father, John, said he was "incredulous" at the reason given for the decision. "They seem to be penalising me because they can't provide a decent service," he complained. David Horne, the company's pricing manager, said he had been forced to respond to more than 250 passengers trying to join a train with a maximum of 150 seats and limited rolling stock available.

Army gay ban case ends

The Court of Appeal was urged yesterday to rule that the Government's policy of dismissing homosexuals from the Armed Services was an "abuse of power ... unreasonable in a civilised society". After a three-day hearing into the case of four former service personnel discharged for being homosexual, the judges reserved judgment but promised a quick decision, which is expected within weeks.

Plea for easier science

Head teachers of state and independent schools united yesterday in a call for science A levels to be marked less strictly as part of a package to overcome a "crisis of science" in British education. Five head teachers' associations said urgent action was needed to combat growing ignorance of science. They urged ministers to ensure that all pupils studied some science in the sixth form.

First helicopter carrier

The Royal Navy's first purpose-built helicopter carrier was launched on the Clyde yesterday. The 20,500-tonne carrier is the first warship to be built at Govan on the Upper Clyde in Glasgow for 25 years. The ship will remain there to be fitted with electrical, firefighting, heating and air-conditioning systems. Weapons and combat systems will be fitted next year at VSEL in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

Runaway driver banned

A Porsche driver who left a woman trapped with broken legs in his crashed car was fined £2,250 and banned from driving for six months yesterday by magistrates at Easingwold, North Yorkshire. Gavin McGill, 27, an oil rig controller, of Tholthorpe, told Lindsey Hodgson he was going for help, but she was not discovered until a passer-by found the wreckage three hours later.

Pain relief discovery

A new class of painkillers could result from a discovery by French scientists of a brain chemical that controls the sensation of pain. A drug which acts in the same way could block out pain while avoiding the addiction caused by morphine and its derivatives, said the team at the Laboratory of Pharmacology and Fundamental Toxicology in Toulouse.

Court backs BBC

The Scottish Prison Officers' Association failed yesterday to prevent BBC Scotland from screening a programme that alleged that prisoners at Glasgow's Barlinnie prison were beaten and tortured by prison officers. Lord Kirkwood refused to grant an interim interdict after viewing the programme, *Beaten by the System*. He said it dealt with matters that were clearly of public interest.

Firm fined over leak

Nuclear Electric was fined £13,000 yesterday for allowing two tons of radioactive gas to leak from the Hinkley Point power station in Somerset. The leak, and a smaller one in the same month, was blamed on a rusty pipe. The fine by magistrates in Sedgemoor, Somerset, is a further embarrassment to the company in its push to be privatised.

Greens cut the cost of party conference

By Kate Alderson

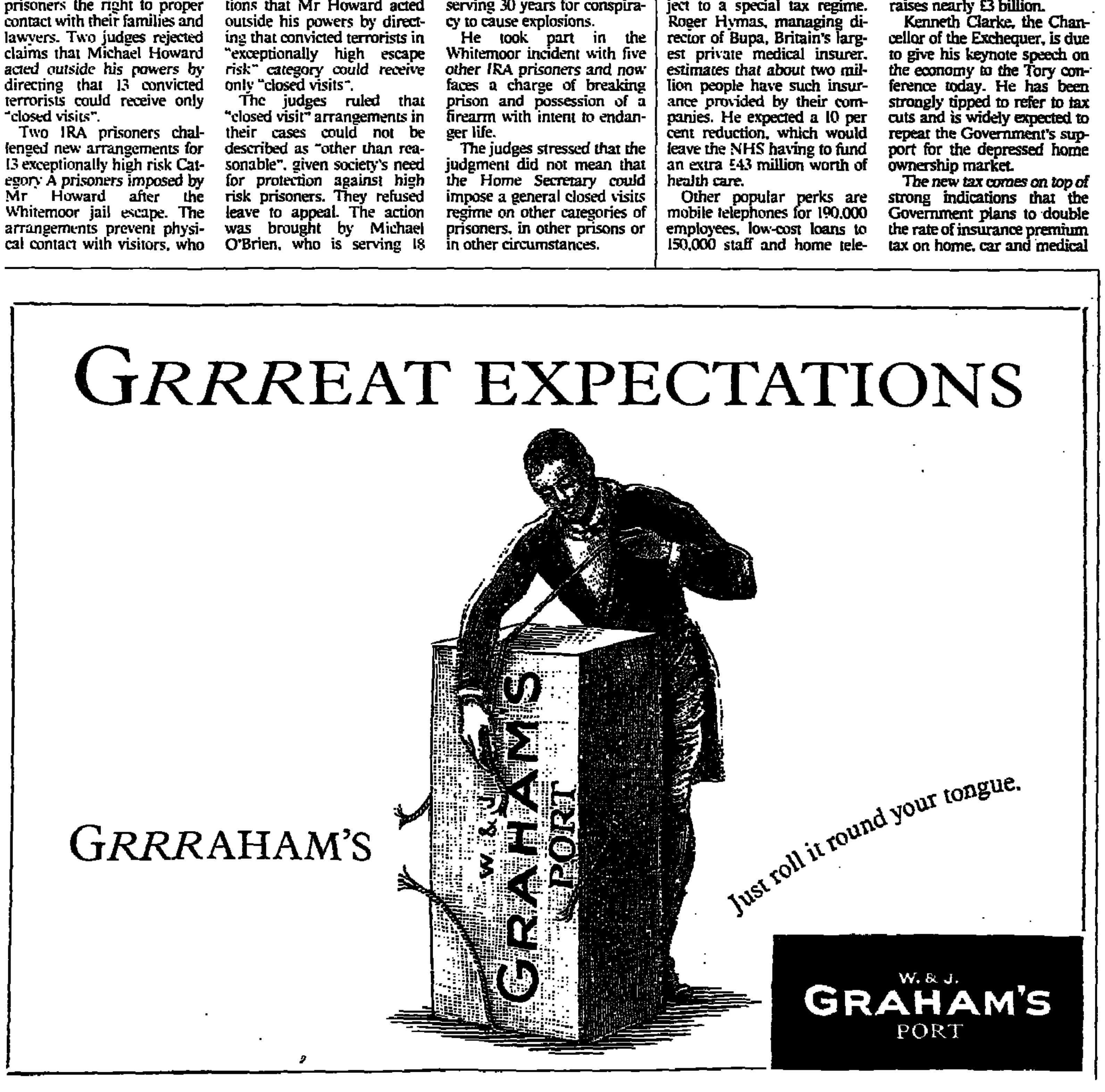
THE Green Party was making final preparations last night for its four-day annual conference, which will cost a modest £7,000.

About 500 delegates are expected today at Southport's Floral Hall, almost half the number at the best-attended Green conference — in 1989 after the party took 15 per cent of the vote in the European elections.

Yet officials claim the party is enjoying a revival triggered by the anger over France's nuclear testing and a year of environmental protests.

The conference agenda includes Europe, nuclear power, land rights and the Road Traffic Reduction Bill. There will also be workshops on subjects such as East Timor and and permaculture. One is titled "Free Trade Sucks".

The Greens will probably contest only up to a hundred seats at the next election. "We have to look at the best way to use our resources, and local government seats and the European Parliament are our best opportunity," Shane Collins, 34, a party activist, said.



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'The woman said she had gone … but she was wearing Lynda's slippers and clothing'

Mother visited Wests in frantic hunt for daughter

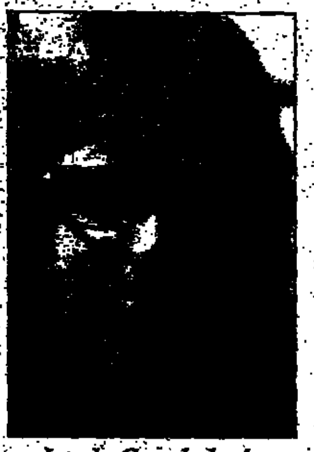
By Bill Frost
and Richard Duce

A MOTHER who called at 25 Cromwell Street in a desperate search for her daughter was greeted on the doorstep by a woman wearing the missing teenager's slippers, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday. The woman was Rosemary West, she said.

June Gough was told that her daughter Lynda had left the house, but the prosecution claims that she was buried beneath the bathroom. She is believed to have been the first of the nine victims whose bodies were found at the home of Mrs West and her husband, Frederick.

Mrs Gough told the court that she last saw Lynda, 19, on the night of April 19, 1973. "It's a date I'm never likely to forget." The next day she and her husband found a note from Lynda, who worked at the Co-op in Gloucester, saying that she had found a flat and would be in contact soon. Her parents were "not to worry".

A fortnight earlier a dark-haired woman had called at the family home to take Lynda for a drink. As the days went by after Lynda's departure, Mrs Gough became increasingly anxious. "I wanted to know where she was living and that she was happy and all right. I went to the Co-op and spoke to the lady in charge. My inquiries eventually led me to 25 Cromwell Street.



Lynda Gough: body found under bathroom

"I knocked and a dark-haired lady answered," she said. "I immediately recognised that she was the same woman who called for Lynda to take her out for a drink a fortnight earlier.

"I said I had come to see Lynda and they said she wasn't there, that she had left and gone to Weston-super-Mare. Then I noticed suddenly that this woman was wearing Lynda's slippers and some other items of clothing — a blouse or a cardigan."

Mrs Gough also saw more of her daughter's clothes on the garden washing line. The dark-haired woman said she "had left them behind when she went to Weston".

Mrs Gough told the court that there was a man at Cromwell Street during her visit. "I believe he was the dark-haired lady's husband. They talked as a couple would." As she expressed concern over Lynda, the pair were less than forthcoming.

"I was feeling very hurt that she had gone, that we had lost contact and were almost abandoned. We cared — she hadn't been in touch. I was saying all this, but nothing was coming back. There was no feedback."

Subsequently, the Goughs were to inform the police and the Salvation Army about their daughter's disappearance. "We went to Weston-super-Mare and called in at the labour exchange to ask if she had been there looking for work or unemployment benefit. But they said they could not give us that information."

The court was also told that a neighbour of the Wests had given a police statement saying that she woke up naked in bed with the couple, who were both also naked, and that West had told her he had sexual intercourse with her while she was unconscious.

A statement from Detective Constable Gerard Watters said Elizabeth Agius, 44, had told him that the Wests had given her a cup of tea and that the last thing she remembered before waking up was that she felt "really strange". The next day she still felt strange and did not know "what they had given her".

Detective Constable Watters said that Mrs Agius had told him of the experience in confidence. During her evidence on Tuesday, Mrs Agius denied she had sex with West, or that she and both Wests had slept together.

The statement, read to the jury by Andrew Chubb, assistant prosecuting counsel, said that Detective Constable Watters interviewed Mrs Agius in April last year. "During the course of a lengthy interview with Mrs Agius, she became somewhat distressed and started to cry. She said something had happened to her involving both the Wests that she had never previously spoken about."

She agreed to tell the police about the incident on the condition that she did not have to disclose the details in written form. The statement said: "Mrs Agius told me she would not be prepared to say what happened in court because, if it came out, she said her husband would leave her.

"I feel somewhat embarrassed at now having to betray the confidence Mrs Agius placed in me." The judge explained to the jury that the statement had been read at the request of the defence.

The trial was adjourned until today.

SIÂN FRANCES

June Gough said she received no help from the Wests when she asked about Lynda

Witness offered £50,000 for story

A MEDIA quest for Caroline Owens's story of how she escaped from Rosemary and Frederick West led to cash offers as high as £50,000, Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday. But Mrs Owens denied in court that she had embellished her account of the attack for commercial gain.

She told the court that as soon as she learnt that the Wests were being investigated for a series of murders at 25 Cromwell Street in February 1994 she went to police to remind them of their attack on her in 1972. Her original police statement has been destroyed by Gloucestershire police which only kept such documents on file for 15 years.

She was later approached by reporters from *The Sun* and negotiated a £20,000 contract. She was offered £500 but once the newspaper realised what she had to say the offer was vastly increased. She has already received £9,500 and the rest will be paid at the end of the trial.

Under questioning from Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, Mrs Owens said she was offered £50,000 by the *Sunday Mirror* but turned it down. She was also approached by ITN and someone who was writing a book but had stood by her contract with *The Sun*.

Former nanny blames herself for deaths

By Richard Duce
and Bill Frost

Rosemary West has denied murdering nine girls and a young woman, among them her own daughter. The alleged victims are Charmaine West, Heather West, Shirley Robinson, Shirley Hubbard, Therese Siegenthaler, Lynda Gough, Carol-Ann Cooper, Lucy Partington, Juanita Mott and Alison Chambers.

A FORMER nanny who survived a sex attack by Rosemary and Frederick West more than 20 years ago broke down in tears yesterday as she blamed herself for the fate of young women found buried at 25 Cromwell Street.

Caroline Owens, who was attacked by the Wests 24 years ago, denied that making money was behind her decision to give evidence and said: "I want to get justice for the girls who didn't make it. I feel it was my fault."

Mrs Owens, 39, who admitted that she will receive £20,000 from *The Sun* for her story, said she felt guilty for failing to press rape charges after she was attacked by West and Mrs West. Winchester Crown Court was told that Mrs Owens, who was sexually assaulted by the Wests in 1972, believed that if she had pursued the case, the alleged killings at the couple's home might not have happened. After the attack she became depressed and tried to kill herself.

Mrs Owens has already told the jury trying Mrs West on ten counts of murder that she was abducted, bound and gagged and subjected to sexual assaults including rape by West. She believes she only escaped with her life by agreeing to return to work for them as a nanny. In a statement made to police last year and read to the court, Mrs Owens said: "After the abduction and rape in 1972 I was very depressed and I was prescribed Librium tablets by my doctor.

"When I became aware of the women who had been murdered and the alleged involvement of Fred and Rose West in 1994 I felt anger, frustration and guilt. I felt that if I had gone to court on my rape case I could have stopped it." The court has heard that West and Mrs West were fined £50 each in 1973 after admitting assault and indecent assault. The magistrate had decided the offences did not justify a jail sentence.

Mrs Owens said she decided not to press the rape charge because she felt too ashamed to give evidence. A newspaper cutting of the case was later found at Cromwell Street.

Under cross-examination by Richard Ferguson, QC, who is defending Mrs West, Mrs Owens admitted she had slept with other men at Cromwell Street even though she had a regular boyfriend.

In her statement, Mrs Owens, who was 17 when she worked as the Wests' nanny, admitted that she had had sex with two of the Wests' lodgers, Ben Staniland and Alan Davies. She said: "We were listening to music. It was the hippy era and people were generally very friendly."

She said it was late at night and she did not remember if they had been drinking or smoking, but she may have taken some drink that affected her judgment. She had intercourse with Ben and afterwards with Alan. "This was a one-off occasion. I didn't go to their room again. It was one of those things.

"When I was abducted by Fred and Rose I remember the morning afterwards using a Hoover in the room where I had been held that night. I was expected to vacuum up when I stayed with them and I did it so that Fred and Rose would think that I would go back and work for them.

"I had told Fred and Rose that I would not tell anybody what had happened to me and that I would go back to work for them because otherwise I did not think that they would let me go."

Authors lost for words at departure of literary agent

By Gillian Bowditch

FIFTY best-selling authors, including Peter Ackroyd and Fay Weldon, will learn next week whether they can keep the literary agent who has promoted their books, negotiated on their behalf with publishers and entertained them with some of the most scintillating gossip in the London literary circuit.

Giles Gordon, 55, one of London's best known literary agents who has represented Vikram Seth, Sue Townsend, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, has been stopped from talking to the authors by his former company Sheil Land Associates, which has taken out an injunction against him.

Mr Gordon, who left Sheil Land to set up the Edinburgh office of Curtis Brown last month, is to challenge an injunction in the High Court in London at the end of next week. He has been placed in the difficult position by the injuction, which effectively bans him from contacting the authors, many of them personal friends.

Gordon: grown tired of London literary scene

So far about 50 authors who were represented by Mr Gordon while he was working at Sheil Land have written to Tom Barth, Mr Gordon's solicitor, to say they want to continue being represented by the agent.

Last night Mr Barth said Mr Gordon had been advised not to take calls from the authors and not to contact them in case he inadvertantly breached the injunction which prevents him from "soliciting or enticing" former clients or "accepting their custom". No one at Sheil Land was available for comment yesterday.

Mr Gordon's decision to leave London for his native Edinburgh surprised many of his friends. At the time he said he had become disillusioned with the London publishing scene. "I think it has got awfully cynical. There is less and less serious publishing in London." Mr Gordon is also keen to find and promote Scottish writers.

The row with Sheil Land has developed out of Mr Gordon's contract which initially prevented him for six months from signing authors represented by him while he was working at Sheil Land. Mr Barth claims this was negotiated down to three months by agreement. Sheil Land disputes this.

Mr Barth says that assuming the injunction is lifted on October 20 and assuming the authors who want to join Mr Gordon have given the necessary 60 days' notice to Sheil, there is no reason why they should not be represented by him after that date.

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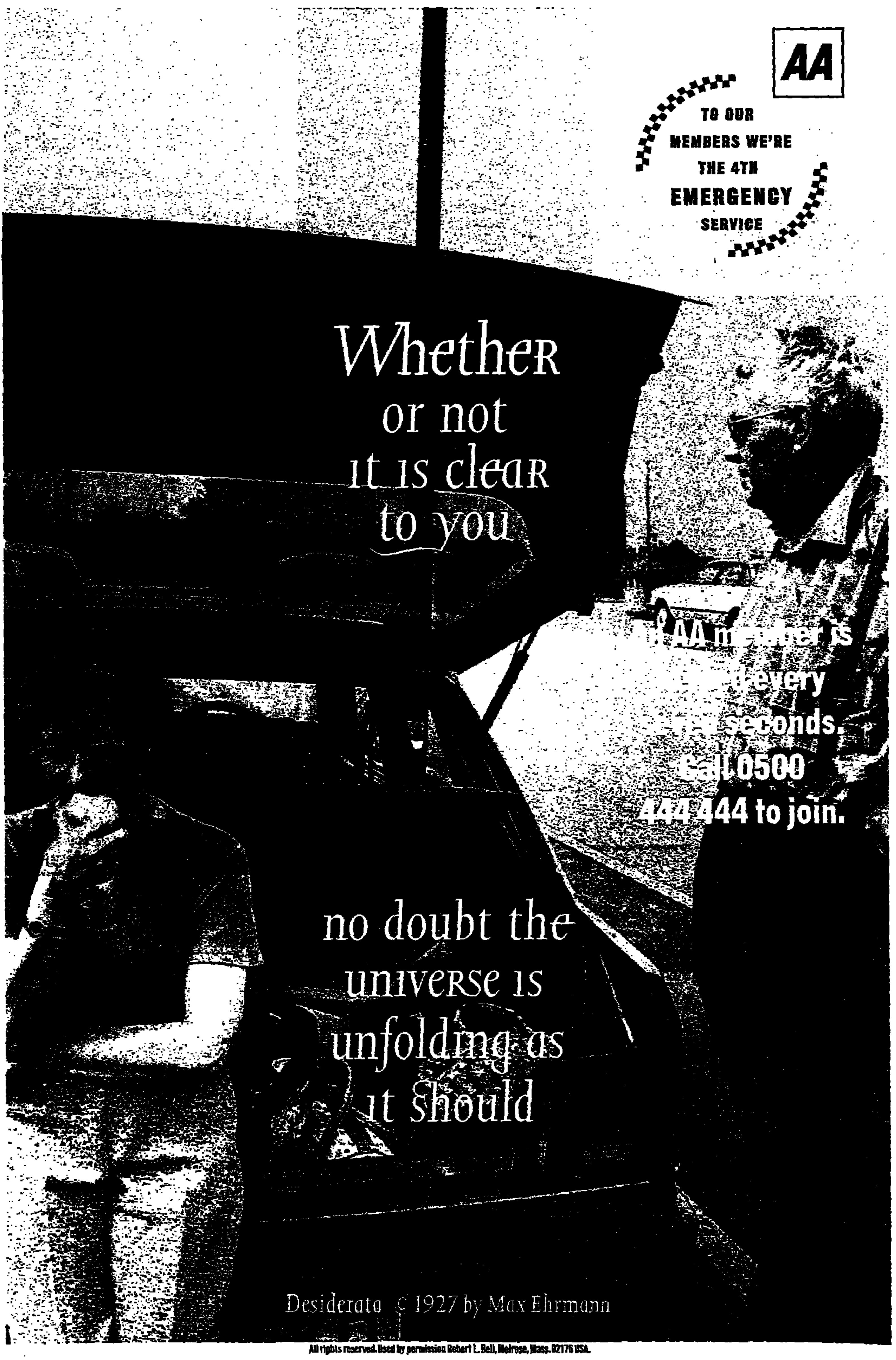
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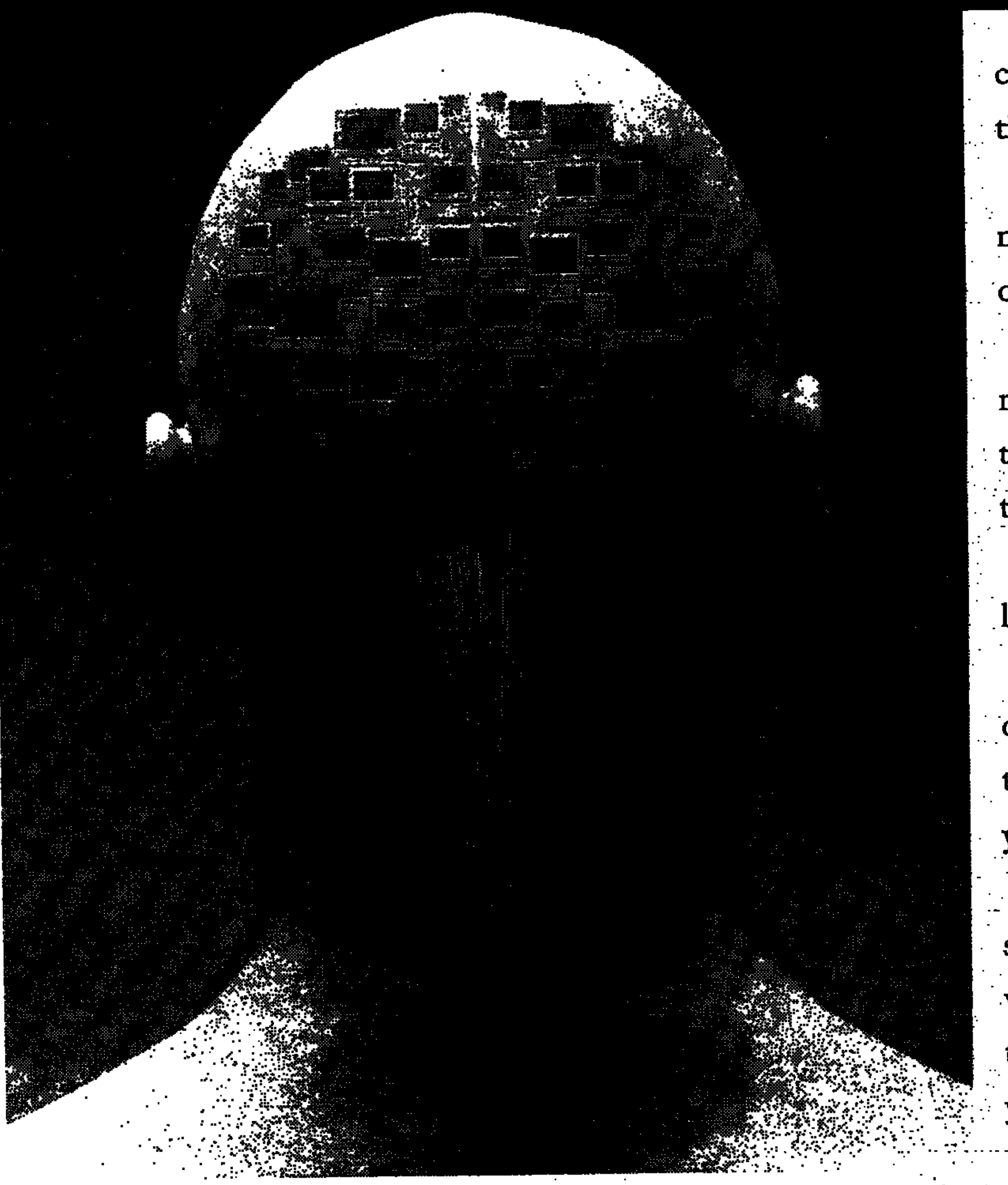

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Chandler: two trials

Teenager cleared of rape

A FOOTBALLER was cleared yesterday of raping a 19-year-old care worker after two trials at the Old Bailey. The jury in the first trial three months ago could not agree a verdict on Dean Chandler, 19, a Charlton Athletic player.

Chandler, of Ilford, east London, denied raping the woman at her flat last December after drinking six pints of lager, two bottles of beer and smoking a cannabis cigarette. He said she had consented to sexual intercourse.

International forward is first professional imprisoned for violence on pitch

£4m footballer loses appeal against jail term for head-butt

By Gillian Bowditch

CIARAN DONNELLY

Ferguson leaving court to begin his prison sentence at Barlinnie jail in Glasgow

DUNCAN FERGUSON, the Scotland centre-forward twice sold for £4 million, yesterday became the first professional and international footballer to be jailed for a violent incident on the pitch.

Ferguson, 23, who earned the nickname "Duncan Disorderly" for a series of alcohol-related assaults, lost an appeal against a three-month prison sentence for head-butting another player. The sentence had been imposed in May after a clash in April last year with John McStay during a game at Ibrox between Rangers, Ferguson's former club, and Raith Rovers.

The court heard that Ferguson, who now plays for Everton, head-butted McStay after the referee's whistle had blown but that McStay had not been badly injured and the game had continued. It was Ferguson's fourth conviction and had been committed when he was on probation.

Ferguson, who remained impassive during the appeal, was taken from the court to start his sentence at Barlinnie, a grim Victorian prison in Glasgow, known for its harsh regime. "He will be treated in exactly the same way as any other prisoner," said a Scottish Prison Service spokesman. Ferguson will serve six weeks inside — the point at which he will have completed half his sentence — and will have to slop-out, as Barlinnie does not have modern lavatories in cells.

His reception last night included a change from the smart suit he wore in court to prison-issue jeans and striped shirt, and a medical examination. In a prison designed for 980 but holding 1,200, he could expect to share a cell.

Appealing against his sentence, Ferguson's lawyer, John Mitchell, QC, argued that three-months was excessive and a miscarriage of justice. But after a 55-minute hearing Scotland's most senior judge, Lord Hope, the Lord Justice-General, said: "In all the circumstances, the sentence of three months' imprisonment was intended to be an effective punishment and a deterrent to others. It cannot be described as excessive." The three Scottish Appeal Court judges, Lord Hope, Lord Osborne and Lord Allanbridge, said they had no alternative but to uphold it.

Blair Morgan, Ferguson's solicitor, said afterwards that his footballing career was on hold and a 12-match ban imposed on him by the Scottish Football Association would not take effect until he left prison.

Mr Mitchell told the three judges that Ferguson had found the pressure of being an international football star and the most expensive player in Britain when Rangers bought him in 1993 hard to endure. A number of letters were produced in support of Ferguson, which testified to his good character and his willingness to coach children.

Afterwards Mr Johnson said: "I am very, very disappointed that a young man who has a job that is no danger to society has been sent to prison for something that went on on a football pitch and at the time didn't attract any attention whatever."

Joe Royle, Everton's manager, said he found the sentence incredible and that Ferguson had been the victim of a witchhunt. "Anyone who knows him will tell you he is a very pleasant young man. He is not a bad lad at all. He has been guilty of sometimes stupidity but mostly immaturity."

A Scotland under-21 player was being treated at a rehabilitation unit yesterday after failing a random drugs test. Barry Lavety, a striker for St Mirren, in Paisley, admitted taking a "social drug", believed to be Ecstasy. Jimmy Bone, the club manager, said he expected Lavety would be censured.

Four in court on game-fix charges

THE footballers John Fashanu, Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers appeared in court yesterday accused of taking part in a plot to rig the results of two Liverpool matches.

Fashanu, 32, is accused of giving Grobbelaar, the former Liverpool goalkeeper, £40,000 to fix the outcome of a match against Newcastle on November 21, 1993, which Liverpool lost 3-0. The former England and Aston Villa striker is also accused of giving Segers, the Wimbledon goalkeeper, a £19,000 pay-off to fix the outcome of a match on October 22, 1994, which Liverpool won 3-0.

The three players and their co-accused, Heng Suan Lim, 30, a Malaysian businessman, were making their first appearance before Southampton magistrates, but spoke only to give their name, age and address. All four were remanded on conditional bail until December 1.

Singer's husband stole cash from comedian's wallet

By A Staff Reporter

THE husband of the singer Linda Nolan was fined £200 yesterday after he admitted stealing cash from Frank Carson's wallet while the comedian was on stage at a variety show in Blackpool.

Brian Hudson, 48, a former professional footballer, was caught on camera pocketing a £20 note in Carson's dressing room on the South Pier, Blackpool magistrates were told.

Dana Gledhill, for the prosecution, said Carson was appearing in his own show with Miss Nolan, formerly a member of the Nolan Sisters. "During the first week of August Mr Carson became aware of varying amounts of cash apparently going missing from his changing room."

First, £80 disappeared from a bundle of about £1,000 collected for charity in a sports bag. "As a result, Mr Carson kept a check on the cash in his wallet. It quickly became apparent that various amounts of cash were taken while he was on stage. On August 23, Hudson, who is his wife's manager, was seen in the dressing room going through pockets and a sports bag but nothing was seen to be taken.

Police installed a video camera in the dressing room and on September 3 Hudson was recorded entering the room while Carson was on stage. "Hudson made straight for Mr Carson's wallet in his trouser pocket," Miss Gledhill said. "The wallet contained £200 in marked notes. Mr Hudson was seen to remove one £20 note and place it in his own pocket."

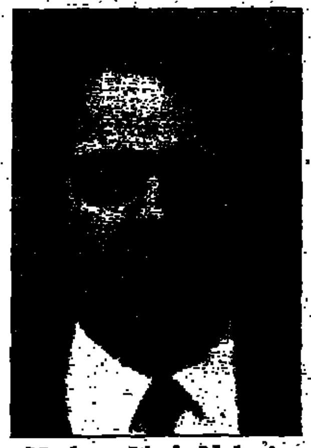
The following evening, two policemen approached Hudson who said he knew nothing about it. He was interviewed by police and admitted taking the cash but said he had borrowed the money and intended to pay it back.

Simon Reed, for Hudson, said the theft was "an aberration that he deeply regrets".

Simon Bridge, chairman of the magistrates, told Hudson, of Blackpool: "We find this a serious offence as it was committed as a breach of trust. We also feel it was a premeditated offence. The sophistication of not taking all the money was part of the premeditation."

Last night Carson, after a charity golf match in Yorkshire, said the theft was "a mean, despicable trick". He added: "Not only did he gain nothing but the Nolan family have had their name besmirched by someone who will never be known except as Linda Nolan's husband.

"I am terribly sorry about the whole thing because it is against Linda, who is a wonderful professional and a great personal friend."



Hudson: Linda Nolan's husband and manager

Metric law carries no weight in drug deals

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

LAWYERS were taken to task by a judge yesterday for failing to use metric measurements in a drugs trial. Judge Mellor laid down the European law when the prosecutors referred to ounces and half-pounds during the trial of a man accused of possessing half a pound — or about 225 grams — of cannabis.

The judge told barristers at Oxford Crown Court: "It is now against the law to refer to amounts in pounds and ounces." They were obliged to convert measurements to metric for the rest of the case.

Nathan Sample, 21, of Witney, Oxfordshire, was found guilty of possessing cannabis with intent to supply and remanded on bail for reports. After the case, one detective said: "I don't think the drug dealers are taking much notice of Brussels. They're still using eighths and ounces. They would be pretty confused if someone came up and asked for 0.17 kilograms of cannabis."

Nicholas Price, QC, vice-chairman of the Bar public affairs committee, said that, in many drug cases, metric measurements were already commonplace. "We talk, for instance, about kilograms of cocaine, because a lot of this comes from abroad. But with the small amounts of drugs we are used to saying a quarter of an ounce."

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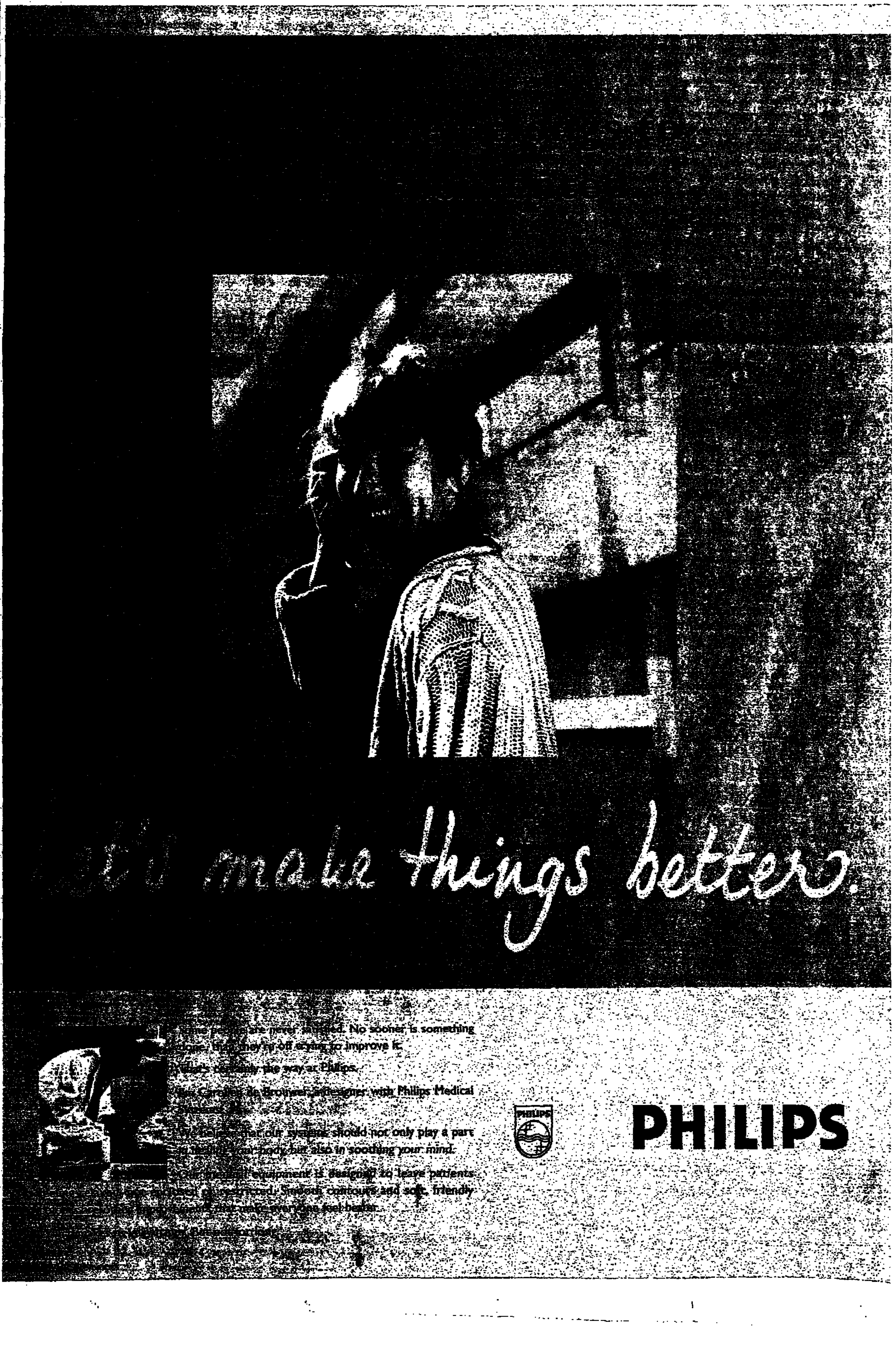

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St James's, Leeds, heads hospital league charting wide variations in success rates for test-tube births

Short wait is biggest influence

By Leyla Linton

A WOMAN who has been trying without success to become pregnant for seven years believes that league tables are of limited value.

Anji Loman Field, 37, said: "It does not make much difference what the figures say because you go for hospitals with the shortest waiting list. I would be surprised if the clinic made a difference to success rates, although the hospitals do have different methods."

CASE 1

Mrs Loman Field, a freelance writer, and her husband David have had three unsuccessful in vitro fertilisation treatments at King's College and St Thomas's hospitals in London. It has cost a total of £2,100. They are about to start a fourth cycle at King's College Hospital, which their area health authority has agreed to fund.

The couple decided to try for a baby two years after they married but Mrs Loman Field could not conceive because she has antibodies in her blood that attack sperm.

She found the failure of the first two cycles of treatment distressing but is now more realistic about the chances of success. "You have to go into it with an attitude that it probably won't work, because it probably won't, but if it does it's a lovely surprise."

ROBIN MAYES

Celine Murphy with her daughter Ciara, conceived after years of infertility treatment

'You must never give up hope'

WHEN Celine Murphy learnt that she was pregnant she rushed into the ladies' lavatory at the hospital where she worked as midwife, sank to the floor and burst into tears of joy (Tim Jones writes).

Three traumatic years of trying to start a family had ended. Yesterday, as Ciara Patrice, now two, played in the family home at Purley, Surrey, Ms Murphy said: "She has brought us nothing but joy. My message to any couple trying for their own child is never give up hope. Explore every avenue and keep on trying."

Ms Murphy, married her husband Tom Daley in 1986 and three years later they decided to start a family. Their efforts continued without success when Ms Murphy and her husband, a computer engineer, were working in Saudi Arabia. They returned to England because of the Gulf War. After months of failure they sought help. Tests showed that she was not producing eggs and she was put on Clomid, a fertility drug. When that did not work she was referred to St Bartholomew's Hospital in London where an appointment was made for her 15 months later, in January 1992. The wait was a huge setback for Ms Murphy, who knew that because of her increasing age and a family history of early menopause, time was running out.

CASE 2

At Barts, she was told that in vitro fertilisation offered the best chance of a baby. But the IVF proved unsuccessful, as did a second which she paid for privately. At the Portland Hospital, still as a private patient, she was given a gamete intra-fallopian transfer, where one of her eggs was introduced to sperm from her husband and placed into her fallopian tube. Their efforts were rewarded on August 8, 1993, when Ciara was born, a month before her mother's 39th birthday.

Top fertility clinics are five times better than the worst

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

INFERTILE couples trying for a test-tube baby are almost five times more likely to succeed at some clinics than others.

The outcome of the expensive and stressful treatment, which costs thousands of pounds and often takes years, varies widely according to which clinic provides it. The first tables comparing British fertility clinics show that couples can sharply increase their chances of taking home a baby by switching to one of the more successful clinics.

Experts say success is determined by techniques and the skill of the medical team. The highest-scoring clinic for in vitro fertilisation, according to the table, is the Assisted Conception Unit at St James's Hospital, Leeds. Run by Vinay Sharma, consultant gynaecologist, who treats all the unit's IVF patients, it had a live birth rate of more than 23 per cent in 1993 compared with a national average of 14.2 per cent. In 1993-94, 17,000 women had IVF treatment and 7,500 were given donated sperm.

Some clinics treating a small number of patients achieved no live births and hence scored zero. The lowest-scoring clinic providing over 100 courses of IVF treatment was the Reproductive Medicine Unit at Withington Hospital, Manchester, with a live birth rate of 4.8 per cent. Overall, larger clinics had higher success rates.

For donor insemination, where the woman is fertilised with donated sperm, success rates providing at least 100 courses of treatment range from 17.4 per cent at the Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge, to 2.1 per cent at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. The national average is 6.5 per cent.

Launching a *Patients' Guide to DI and IVF Clinics* published yesterday by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, Ruth Deech, chairwoman, said that the live birth rate was not the only factor to consider. The guide lists clinics by region and does not rank them.

"This is not a league table. The birth rate may not be the sole or even the major factor. Patients will also be concerned about waiting lists, how close a clinic is to where they live, the cost and the atmosphere. There are many factors to balance," she said.

Individual chances of success could vary widely, she said. National figures show that women under 25 have an average live birth rate of 17.2 per cent per course of treatment compared with 6.3 per cent for women over 40.

Birth rates in the guide have been adjusted to take account of factors including the age of patients and the severity of their problems to protect clinics who accept hard-to-treat patients and prevent others "cherry picking" the best patients to boost their rating. "No clinic need worry about the patients they treat, no matter how difficult they are," Mrs Deech said.

Although the clinics had been anxious about the publication of the guide, Mrs Deech said it had been the subject of wide consultation and most now supported it. Pressed repeatedly by reporters about the wide gap between the best and worst clinics, Mrs Deech refused to criticise the poor performers: "We are regulators, not guarantors of a successful outcome."

However, Lady Brittan, deputy chairman, said later: "We are concerned. We are interested in success rates but it would not be possible to make them a condition of licensing the clinics and if we did we would be heavily criticised for it."

Professor Allan Templeton, Professor of Obstetrics at Abeedeen University and a member of the authority, said: "Overall the success rates are good and higher than in the US. One or two clinics are doing better than average and one or two are doing less well but most are providing a good service." The table provides some surprises. Hammersmith Hospital's IVF unit run by Professor Robert Winston, a pioneer of the treatment, has a live birth rate of 17.9 per cent but the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre in Harley Street run by the equally well known Professor Ian Craft has a success rate of 10.1 per cent.

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TEST-TUBE BABY LEAGUE

The table shows clinics licensed by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority ranked according to their live birth rate for in vitro fertilisation in 1993-94. New clinics have been excluded. The birth rate is adjusted to take account of the woman's age, the length of infertility and other factors to provide a comparable figure fair to all clinics. The figure in brackets next to the birth rate shows the margin of error. A birth rate of 10 per cent with a margin of error of 3 percentage points means that that clinic's true success rate lies between 7 and 13 per cent (10 +/- 3). Clinics treating larger numbers of patients have smaller margins of error. Success rates for donor insemination — where a woman is treated with donated sperm — are also given but clinics are not ranked.

	Hospital/Clinic	IVF treatment Treatmts (No.)	IVF treatment Live birth rate %	DI treatment Treatmts (No.)	DI treatment Live birth rate%
1	St James's Hosp, Leeds	459	23.3 (4)	x	x
2	Royal Masonic Hosp, London	853	19.8 (3)	3	33.5 (57)
2	Lister Hosp, London	905	19.8 (3)	68	14.9 (11)
4	Bupa Chalybeate Hosp, S'ampton	366	19.7 (5)	616	6.5 (2)
5	Leeds General Infirmary	734	19.4 (3)	500	4.6 (2)
6	Hammersmith Hosp, London	1098	17.9 (2)	17	9.6 (25)
7	Chelsfield Pk Hosp, Kent	90	17.7 (10)	44	17.8 (15)
8	BMI Park Hosp, Nottingham	647	17.6 (3)	110	8.2 (6)
9	John Radcliffe Mat Hosp Oxford	613	16.9 (3)	x	x
10	Southmead Gen Hosp, Bristol	74	16.8 (10)	283	3.2 (3)
11	Sheffield Fertility Centre	507	16.3 (4)	5	34.4 (45)
12	St Thomas's Hosp, London	351	16.2 (4)	x	x
12	Royal Maternity Hosp, Belfast	459	16.2 (4)	448	4.7 (2)
12	Midland Fertility Services, Aldridge	606	16.2 (3)	461	5.8 (3)
15	Walsgrave Hosp, Coventry	466	16 (4)	136	14.6 (7)
16	London Women's Clin/Hallam MC	577	15.5 (3)	597	14.9 (3)
17	Churchill Clinic, London	594	14.4 (3)	52	15.3 (13)
18	Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge	1501	13.8 (2)	185	17.4 (6)
19	Manchester Fertility Services	560	13.7 (3)	720	10.3 (3)
20	BMI Priory Services, Birmingham	335	13.9 (4)	193	9.5 (5)
20	St Mary's Hosp, Gtr Manchester	821	13.9 (3)	573	13.6 (3)
22	University of Bristol IVF Service	446	13.5 (4)	23	42.6(22)
22	Bridge Fertility Centre, London	458	13.5 (3)	563	12.2 (3)
22	Portland Hosp, London	148	13.5 (7)	10	34.3 (40)
25	Univ Hosp of Wales, S. Glamorgan	01	13.2 (8)	123	10.8 (7)
26	Bupa Roding Hospital, Ilford	170	12.9 (6)	110	6.8 (7)
27	Esperance Private Hosp, Eastbourne	178	12.7 (6)	386	10 (3)
27	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	344	12.7 (4)	528	4.1 (2)
29	Aberdeen University	231	12.6 (5)	449	6.9 (3)
30	Chiltern Hosp Fertility Unit, Bucks	70	12.2 (10)	19	24.5 (25)
31	Holly House Fert & IVF Unit, Essex	314	11.7 (4)	90	19.9 (10)
32	King's College Hospital, London	1161	11.4 (2)	85	8.3 (6)
33	Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	312	11.3 (4)	236	2.1 (3)
33	Wirral Fertility Centre, Merseyside	132	11.3 (7)	115	2.3 (5)
35	Middle England Fertility Centre, Leic	76	10.8 (9)	81	9(8)
36	University College Hosp, London	278	10.4 (4)	85	14.5 (9)
37	St George's Hospital, London	143	10.3 (6)	133	13.2 (7)
38	London Gynae & Fertility Centre	728	10.1 (2)	74	8.2 (9)
38	Nurture, Queen's Med Centre, Nott	720	10.1 (2)	1060	3.6 (1)
40	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle	183	9.9 (5)	x	x
41	Princess Royal Hospital, Hull	332	9.4 (4)	185	3.2 (4)
42	Cromwell Hospital, London	343	9.3 (4)	68	14.9 (11)
43	Glasgow Royal Infirmary	843	9.2 (3)	222	9.5 (5)
44	Fazakerley Hosp, Liverpool	203	9 (5)	243	1.8 (3)
45	Washington Hosp, Tyne and Wear	293	8.7 (4)	94	11 (6)
46	St Michael's Hosp, Bristol	238	8.3 (4)	1614	5.8 (1)
47	Hartlepool Gen Hosp, Cleveland	76	8.1 (9)	28	6 (18)
48	Leicester Royal Infirmary	107	6.4 (7)	182	8 (5)
49	Withington Hosp, Gtr Manchester	134	4.8 (5)	122	14.7 (8)
50	Bupa Hosp, Norwich	28	0 (12)	417	5.2 (3)

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Cleveland Fertility Centre	134	15.5 (7)
Exeter Fertility Clinic	401	4.1 (2)
Nuffield Hospital, Plymouth	429	3.6 (2)
Winterbourne Hospital, Dorset	86	5.3 (7)
Billinge Hospital, Greater Manchester	16	5.1 (24)
Wessex Fertility Services, Southampton	391	6.9 (3)
Watford Gen Hospital	39	3.1 (11)
Maidstone Hospital, Kent	41	2 (10)
Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup	6	0 (46)
Dr Louis Hughes, Harley St, London	949	6.8 (2)
W. Middlesex University Hospital, London	68	10 (10)
Pregnancy Advisory Service, London	822	4.6 (2)
Middlesex Hospital, London	367	6.2 (3)
Newham Gen Hospital, London	69	14.3 (10)
Clinic Of Reproductive Medicine, UCH, London	121	8.2 (7)
Rodney Fertility Clinic, Liverpool	628	3.7 (2)
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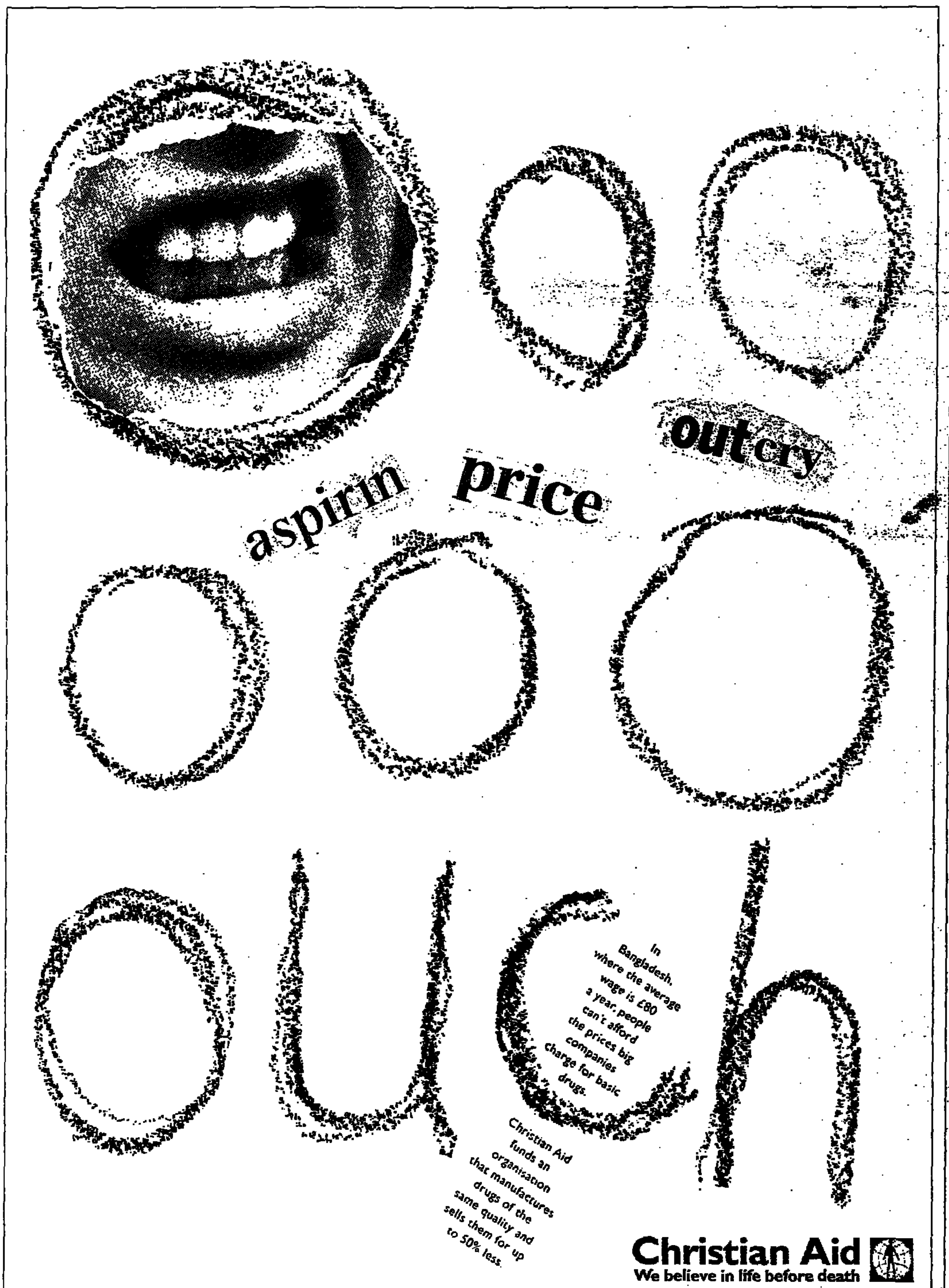

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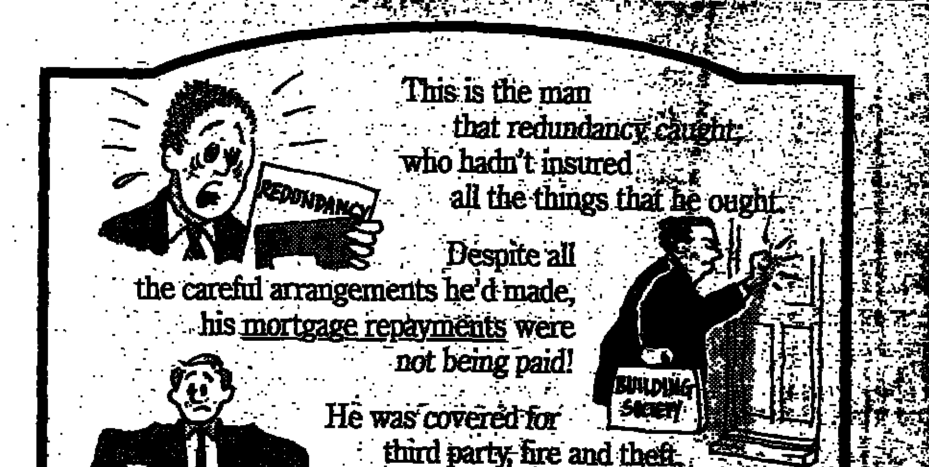

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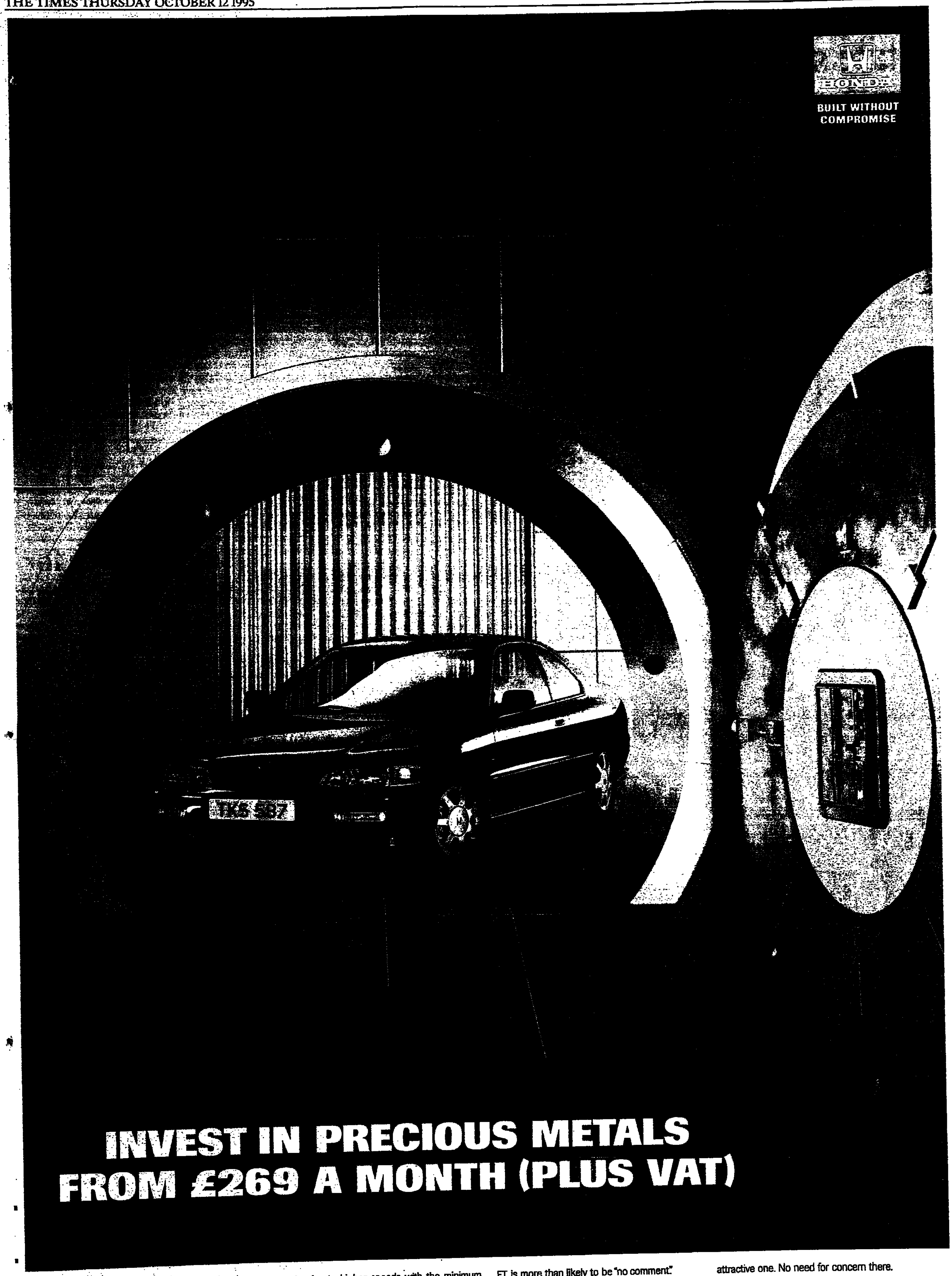

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State school seeks subsidy from parents

By David Charter, education correspondent

PARENTS of pupils at a secondary school have been asked to pay £120 towards their children's education by monthly standing order.

The cash appeal from Chiltern Edge school at Sonning Common, near Reading, has been blamed on education cuts by Oxfordshire County Council, caused by the Government's tough public spending policies.

The school is near the top of Oxfordshire's GCSE results table, with almost two-thirds of pupils gaining five or more passes at grades A to C. Several teachers were made redundant last year and the cash is needed to buy books.

Christine Southall, head teacher, told parents: "If you are new to Chiltern Edge, or have not contributed in the past, please do so if you now can. Since we are £120 short of funds for every pupil, we hope that all who are willing to and are in a position to contribute will make a standing order for £10 a month."

She emphasised that contributions were voluntary, but said the money was needed for essential items. "The smallest donation will be gratefully received," Ms Southall said.

The National Governors' Council said many schools made cash appeals to parents but a growing number needed the money for staff and equipment that was supposed to be funded by the Government.

Simon Goodenough, chairman of the council, said the Chiltern Edge appeal was the most substantial he had known. "What these appeals should signal to the Government is that people are desperate. In principle it is a bad thing to do and it should not be looked at as replacing government funding, but as a one-off crisis measure. People do this sort of thing with great reluctance but the principle is less important than trying to save teachers' jobs and getting resources in place."

Margaret Morrissey, of the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said: "We are very concerned for the families not able to pay. Inevitably children will say, 'We paid and you didn't,' and it is sad they have to see their parents struggling to support their education."

The National Association of Head Teachers said in May that two thirds of schools had been forced to cut their budgets, leaving them £300 million short of what they needed to fund rising staff salaries and pupil numbers.

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Lord White's widow, the former model Victoria Tucker

The service for Lord White, left, was attended by his second wife Virginia, first wife Elizabeth and by Lord Hanson

Leading lights of Thatcher decade pay their respects to Lord White

By Alan Hamilton

A CAST list from the unbridled, buccaneering years of Thatcherite capitalism assembled yesterday to pay final tribute to one who embodied their era.

Baroness Thatcher herself headed a catalogue of household names from the last decade at the memorial service at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, for Lord White of Hull, who, with Lord Hanson, built one of Britain's great industrial conglomerates, Hanson Trust, and spearheaded a notable business invasion of the United States.

The former Gordon White died in Los Angeles in August, aged 72, from a lung complaint. It was said of him that he was so overawed at being elevated to the House of Lords that, when he saw his first White Paper, he thought that they had named it after him.

Celebrants at his final departure represented the cream of an age: the brilliantined Kenneth Baker, a polished Home Secretary of now-distant memory; the elderly industrial captains Lord Hanson, Lord King of Wartnaby and Sir James Goldsmith; the pneumatic Joan Collins; and the owners of London's most fashionable nightclubs for the outrageously rich, Mark Birley of Annabel's and Johnny Gold of Tramp's. It seemed entirely appropriate that Nigel Dempster, the elder statesman of gossip, had assumed the role of usher and master of ceremonies.

That Lord White did not spend his entire life in the boardroom was proved by the presence at yesterday's tribute of all three of his wives, including the present Lady White, 40 years his junior, the former model Victoria Tucker. Lady White, dressed in a bold houndstooth two-piece tweed suit and black hat, said: "Gordon would have loved this; he would have been singing right along." Lord White's only son, who stands to inherit the bulk of an estimated £100 million fortune, was also present.

Sir David Frost, a friend for 30 years, went straight to the heart of the life peer's character when he said that one of the slimmest books in the world would be "In Praise of Older Women" by Gordon White. His lordship favoured companions considerably younger than himself, thus apparently proving that money is a far greater aphrodisiac than powdered rhino horn. Sir David said that Lord White had lied about his age to join the RAF and begin a distinguished war record, "the start of a lifetime habit of refusing to act his age".

Lady Thatcher read the familiar lesson on charity from I Corinthians, and Lord King read Wordsworth's Character of the Happy Warrior. But it was Sir David who raised the church roof, speculating that Lord White was probably engaged yesterday in a legal dispute with St Peter and Pearly Gates Management, Inc. The reported word from St Peter was: "You're in Heaven now; where do you think you're going to find a lawyer?"

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Shell appeals for Brent Spar ideas

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

SHELL refused yesterday to rule out dumping the Brent Spar oil platform at sea if a more suitable method of disposal cannot be found. One suggestion being considered by the company is to turn the platform into an artificial reef.

The company invited environmentalists and engineers to suggest ways of decommissioning the obselete platform, and ideas have included transforming it into an offshore marine laboratory or even a casino. The platform is currently in a Norwegian fiord after Shell abandoned plans to dump it in the Atlantic in June after a campaign by Greenpeace, the environmental group, against deep-sea disposal.

A spokesman said the company had already received about 200 ideas from 25 countries. The final decision on its fate will be submitted to the Department of Trade and Industry. Heinz Rothermund, managing director of Shell UK Exploration and Production, said yesterday: "Solutions must be based on the pursuit of sound science, reason and the careful balancing of the environmental, safety, health, technological and economic considerations."

Crucial to the choice will be finding a way of cleaning the storage tanks without breaking up the platform. It is unlikely that a contract for disposal will be awarded before the end of 1996.

The announcement was welcomed by Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister. "When they come forward with their new best, practical, environmental option, whether that is to reiterate deep-sea disposal or whether it is to come up with some other solution, we will be ready to consider it and act on it," he told BBC Radio 4.

Next week DNV, the international maritime assessor, will disclose its findings on the amounts of toxic materials on the Brent Spar. It is expected to confirm that Greenpeace's original claims that huge amounts of oil were on board were based on flawed tests.

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Both parties are vulnerable on question of tax and spending

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The litmus test of the seriousness of any politician is their attitude to public spending and taxes. Do they pretend that the tax burden can be reduced at the same time as public services are improved? Do they address the consequences of the inexorable upward pressures on spending?

Both main parties offer inadequate answers. In its eagerness to avoid being labelled the "tax and spend" party, Labour last week merely expressed general aspirations about the welfare state. Spokesmen identified one-off sources of revenue, a windfall tax on the utilities and abolishing the assisted-places scheme, to finance favoured measures to reduce youth unemployment and to limit class sizes. But longer-term questions were avoided. Ministerial counter-attacks this week have exposed Labour's vulnerability here.

The Tory response has also been patchy. There have been statements of general intention and populist gestures, but little in between. On Monday, John Major said that "to cut taxes we must lower spending" with "tough choices" ahead. In a lecture on the same theme on Tuesday, William Waldegrave argued that "the further into the 30s in percentage terms of Gross Domestic Product taken by Government you can get, the safer and more stable your country is likely to be in the long term".

On the conference floor, ministers have been less specific. Action to reduce fraud and waste are obviously desirable in themselves. Some savings are always possible here. But they cannot produce permanently lower spending and taxes. If the Tories really want to hold the share of spending in national income below 40 per cent, and perhaps down to 35 per cent, they have to consider more radical options, as Peter Lilley has fully accepted. His five big measures, affecting housing benefits, jobseekers, invalidity benefits, pensions and rights for the disabled, should produce savings of £4 billion a year by the end of the century.

In a speech to the Selsdon Group last night, Norman Lamont said that if the Tory party "really stands for low taxation, we must recognise that we can't do it solely by promising to eliminate waste". John Redwood addressed the same issues at a lunchtime meeting of the same group. But their solutions differ. Mr Redwood believes large-scale savings can be achieved through piecemeal measures. Some are arbitrary like cutting £300 million off nationalised industry external financing limits (what would that do to rail fares or postal services?) or saving £600 million out of the more than £1 billion spent by central and local government on consultancy and advertising. Some may be wasted, but some is justified and was no doubt spent by Mr Redwood himself in the past. Assuming £500 million of savings from a staff freeze on the Civil Service looks like double counting when the Government's plans already assume an unchanged payroll bill. Other proposals would take several years to achieve. He claims that this would leave intact the money to pay for teachers, nurses, doctors and policemen. But this is unconvincing both in detail as a whole. Mr Lamont believes a bolder agenda is required, extending the principle of charging and tolls, the transfer of large parts of the social security system to the private sector and finding new ways to finance more health care. He suggests compelling people to put money aside through their working lives for the basic pension and tax relief to encourage more private health insurance and health bills. He argues that such measures could be made acceptable by big tax cuts, including abolition of the higher rate.

Many of these ideas will be fiercely resisted by One Nation Tories, who, *pace* Alan Howarth, are still in key positions in the Cabinet. If such a radical agenda is not acceptable, that leaves the type of all-round spending squeezes and gradualist transfers to the private sector we have seen in the past few years. That might, and probably would, produce a lower level of spending and taxes than under Labour. But the difference would be one of degree. It would not, however, amount to a radical rolling back of the State or permit a large reduction in the overall tax burden.

PETER RIDDELL

'Come out of your foxholes,' activists urged

Heseltine thrills Tory troops with battlefield rhetoric

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MICHAEL HESELTINE electrified the Tory party yesterday with a passionate call to arms and a relentless assault on Labour and the "nauseating hypocrisy" of Tony Blair.

The Deputy Prime Minister roused the Tory conference in Blackpool with a vintage performance designed to convince a party trailing heavily in the polls that it could still win a fifth term in government. It was a speech intended to set the party on the general election trail by showing that Labour, and particularly Mr Blair, are vulnerable.

But it also contained an apparent sideswipe at Michael Portillo for his outspoken attack on Brussels the previous day. Mr Heseltine spoke of politicians being able to wrap themselves in any flag of any colour and mouthing "whatever patriotic rhetoric the PR merchants can devise", and in so doing getting "cheers from party audiences and headlines in the media".

Mr Heseltine declared that he saw his job as helping John Major to win, because he was a far better Prime Minister than Mr Blair could ever be, and because his policies were clearer, more consistent and more honest than Labour's.

Calling on representatives to "remember Alamein", he said the conference was a turning point for "a party determined to fight, with the unity to succeed, with the will to win, with a vision worth the battle".

Turning to Mr Major, seated on the platform beside him, he said: "We owe it you Prime Minister, owe it to our country. Get off your seats, go back to the constituencies, come out of your foxholes, take the battle to the enemy — we are fighting for a fifth period in office."

But it was the personal attack on Mr Blair, whose success last week in Brighton has cast a shadow over the early days of the conference, that delighted his audience. His main target was Labour's decision to scrap the assisted-place scheme, which sends some 70,000 underprivileged children to private schools.

Mr Blair, he said, had done well in life. His parents had scrimped and saved to give him a shoulder up, sending him to one of Britain's great public schools. He had chosen a similar ladder of opportunity for his own son.

"I have no complaints — most parents would. But I cannot understand the nauseating pypocrisy that is prepared to accept so much for himself — to bestow so much on his own child — and yet to deny to 70,000 children, talented like him, to escape as he escaped, and he has helped his own child to escape, from the inadequacy of inner-city comprehensives."

He then brandished a copy of the 1979 Tory party manifesto, saying the principles of pushing back the frontiers of the State encapsulated in it then were still what he and Mr Major believed in now. Contrasting it to the "red-blooded socialism" of Labour's manifesto four years later, he recalled: "Twenty years ago I stood in this hall and warned you about the Labour Party — a one-legged army limping from the wreckage of their policies." Then, provoking laughter, he limped exaggeratedly across the stage on one leg, shouting: "Left, left, left . . . That didn't work. About turn! Right, right, right . . . But what they forgot to tell you was that it was the Tories who were right, right and right again. No wonder Labour is out of step. We're all confused."

His speech was also aimed at killing the Labour claims that it had become the "one nation" party or that it was the only party that could be trusted with the modernisation of Britain.

He said he was not trying to pretend that governing Britain and modernising Britain was a cosy painless process. Labour saw enterprise as driven by greed; success was a dirty word. But he said that to generate the wealth of compassion it was first necessary to generate the wealth. "To those who cannot stand alone, entitled to security, dependent upon our help, I say this: there is no security for you if the rest of us fail."

Labour would stitch up deals with the unions and bully the media. In a message to Mr Blair, he said: "I'll tell you what you can't stitch up. I'll tell you who you can't bully, I'll tell you with whom there will be no secret deals. The British people are not for sale."

KNOCKING BLAIR FOR SIX...

End to capping demanded

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COUNCIL TAX

TORY activists defied ministerial pleas last night and demanded that the Government abolish council tax capping.

Party workers passed a motion calling for an end to Whitehall limits on local council spending, despite a warning from the Tory leadership that such a move would be unaffordable.

Activists and backbench MPs have been putting ministers under pressure to end the capping system. They have claimed that Labour councils would be tempted to overspend, giving the Government propaganda ammunition. The issue has created Cabinet divisions as Treasury ministers have resisted senior colleagues' pressure to make policy changes that would drive up spending.

During yesterday's conference debate, David Curry, the Local Government Minister, faced renewed calls to commit the Government to ending capping but made clear that this year's tough public expenditure round would not allow ministers to make the change.

Sarah Whitehouse, from Tooting, moved the motion calling for an end to capping, telling the conference: "We need to abolish rate capping so that people are no longer deceived as to whose fault it is that they live in such appalling conditions."

However, senior ministers have said that abolition of the cap could backfire, with central Government still being blamed if council tax bills rise because of local council extravagance. Later Mr Curry said that the conference decision was part of a continuing debate on the issue.

Asylum seekers will lose right to welfare help

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ASYLUM seekers will no longer be entitled to benefit under a populist package of measures targeting abuse and fraud, announced by Peter Lilley yesterday.

The Social Security Secretary also disclosed that computerised "smart cards" would be introduced next year to replace order books in post offices, and that post office staff would be given a £10 reward to shop fraudsters.

He won a standing ovation after insisting that social security would prove a winning card for the Tories at the next election "because we combine responsibility and compassion".

Mr Lilley claimed that £200 million a year could be saved by refusing to pay benefit to 40,000 people seeking asylum each year. From today, anyone claiming asylum after entering Britain will lose an automatic entitlement to social security.

The 13,000 people who apply for asylum at their port of entry will be eligible until their asylum forms are processed — a few weeks — but will not be able to continue claiming benefit pending any appeal if their application is rejected.

The Government now pays asylum seekers 90 per cent of income support, full housing benefit and council tax benefit: only four per cent of those applying for asylum are granted refugee status.

The plans were immediately attacked by The Refugee Council, which claimed they were far more draconian than it had feared. "They will leave 40,000 asylum seekers destitute and will have a fracturing effect on race relations in this country," Nick Hardwick, the council's chief executive, said.

Mr Lilley said: "The trouble is, our system almost invited people to claim asylum, to gain British benefits." Seventy per cent of people who claimed asylum arrived as visitors, tourists or students, rather than refugees, he said: "We all want to help genuine refugees, but Britain should be a safe haven, not a soft touch," he said to widespread applause.

Mr Lilley delighted the conference with his annual onslaught on benefit scroungers. Claiming that tackling fraud was his top priority, Mr Lilley disclosed that computerised smart cards, covering a range of benefit payments, would be introduced next summer or autumn. Tenders are now out to three firms to decide which will run the scheme.

The smart card will become compulsory for all claimants who are now paid at post office counters rather than through a bank account. "It will make sure that the right money goes to the right people. It will stop wrong people bending the system," he said.

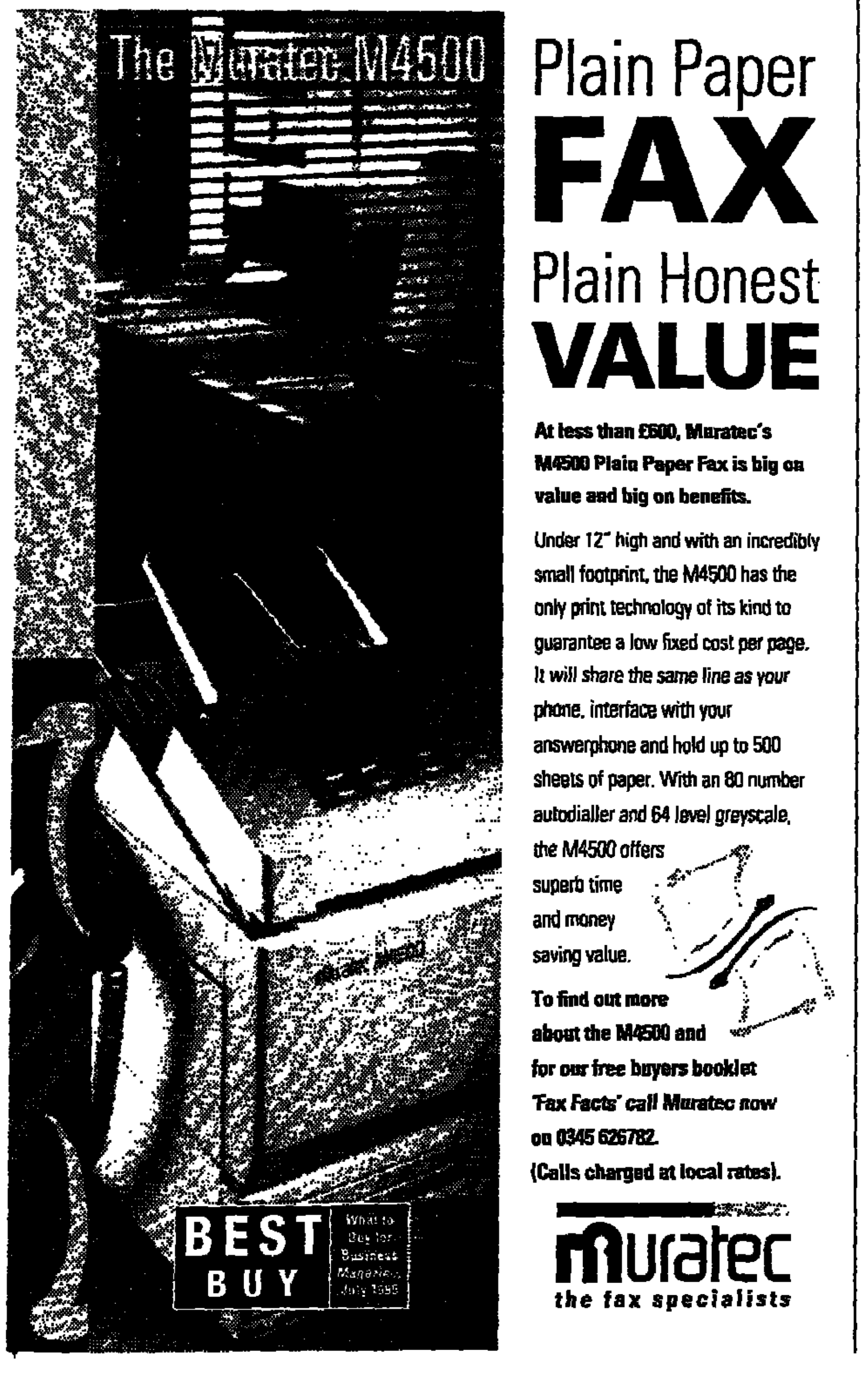
"It is the benefit payment card. It is the taxpayer's inflexible friend."

Mr Lilley also announced that, from Monday, the Government was extending a pilot scheme to give a £10 reward to Post Office staff who uncovered benefit fraud.

A pilot scheme in the Midlands has earned clerical staff £60,000 and has led to the seizure of cheques and order books worth £4 million.

Mr Lilley also hinted that curbs on single-parent benefit would be introduced in the Budget. Taxpayers now paid £9 billion a year to support lone parents, he said.

"We must balance help for lone parents against what that costs families who are supporting children of their own," he added. "We must not undermine families who stay together and we should certainly not encourage people to choose to have children without a commitment to bring them up together."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Lamont decries socialist relic

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ALICE THOMSON

NORMAN LAMONT yesterday called for the abolition of the top rate of income tax as the Tory Right demanded radical measures to curb the size of the State.

The former Chancellor also urged an overhaul of the welfare state in which some means-tested benefits would be cut.

Mr Lamont declared at a conference fringe meeting: "We have to transfer functions back to the private sector. It means transferring large parts of the social security system to the private sector and finding new ways to finance more health care."

On tax, Mr Lamont said:

Lamont: opposed to top rate of tax

"Having an upper rate is a relic of socialism. Many believe people on higher incomes should pay a higher proportion in tax. But you don't need a higher rate band: you just need high personal allowances."

Mr Lamont found himself at variance with John Redwood, the man he supported in the failed challenge to John Major in the summer. Unveiling an alternative Budget, Mr Redwood made an assault on waste a central element of cutting £5 billion in spending.

'Bureau-sceptic' Dorrell to cut NHS paperwork

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

STEPHEN DORRELL yesterday announced a government crackdown on the growth of bureaucracy in the National Health Service and promised he would cut spending on administration by 5 per cent next year.

The Health Secretary told the conference that he was now a "bureau-sceptic" and that at least £140 million could be released for improved patient care. Under his proposals NHS trusts would be forced to publish management and non-clinical administration spending costs and make sure they implemented their 5 per cent cut across the board.

Mr Dorrell also announced a study to see how unnecessary paperwork in hospitals and health authorities could be reduced. The "efficiency scrutiny" teams have been told to report back in 90 days on how to cut down the mountain of forms. The changes reflected the Conservatives' commitment to the NHS, Mr Dorrell said. "Less bureaucracy, a larger share of a growing budget committed to patient care is what we stand for."

Administration and management costs in the NHS have doubled since the Government launched its "internal market" reforms and now account for more than 10 per cent of the service's entire budget. The number of NHS managers rose from 1,240 to 20,010 in the five years to 1993. Clerical and administrative staff numbers have jumped by 20,000 over the past decade, largely as a result of the Government's health service reforms in the late 1980s. Mr Dorrell said the rise in managers had been necessary but now was the moment to prune.

Later questioned on pay for health service executives, Mr Dorrell warned that NHS chiefs should not be awarding themselves "ludicrous amounts". They should make sure that their rise was in line with performance and the rest of the organisation.

Mr Dorrell derided Labour's health policies, saying: "The only doctors Labour listens to now are the spin doctors." He called Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Health Secretary, "Gothic Labour. The kind of monument I used to put a preservation order on when I was Heritage Secretary."

The day Portillo rebuffed Redwood

CONFERENCE NO[illegible]

As senior Tories are decrying Michael Portillo's conference darling status, there is talk in Blackpool that he came near to challenging John Major for the leadership on "wobbly" Monday.

John Redwood has told friends that, immediately after resigning as Welsh Secretary in June, he discussed the prospect of Mr Portillo standing. In return, Mr Redwood suggested that he should be Chancellor of the Exchequer in a Portillo administration. "After wavering for a while, Portillo decided to stick with Major," says my source in the Redwood camp. His hesitation was not, of course, disclosed to Mr Major, who applauded his Defence Secretary's nationalistic speech.

☐ **If many Tories in the conference hall appear unduly subdued, if not hypnotised, there is a theory abounding that the extraordinary platform may be partly to blame.**

Acres of dark blue fuzzy velvet, interrupted by three large video screens, certainly create a soporific effect on the party faithful. Darker shades of blue had been promoted by those who have witnessed Republican shindigs in the United States, although the platform's designer, Nick Cooper, denies a Newt Gingrich influence.

☐ *The mechanics of the new structure was put under strain by, surely, the greatest disparity in height between ministers in one Cabinet. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, with a lean frame stretching up to 6ft 5in, needed the lectern slotted into the highest position. When Gillian Shephard followed, it was quickly reset to its lowest level: she barely exceeds 5ft.*

☐ In the midst of a turbulent week, Don Rushton, chairman of Stratford-upon-Avon Conservatives, attended a fringe meeting to pick up a few pointers on selecting a candidate to replace his defecting MP, Alan Howarth. At the end of the Conservative Association for Electoral Reform's session, Rushton implored those eyeing up the seat: "Don't *all* send me your CVs."

☐ **Sir Edward Heath could not restrain himself from commenting on the numerous birthday celebrations for Baroness Thatcher, enters her seventh decade tomorrow. "Is she only 70?" he asked.**

☐ *A clear sign to adoring party workers that Michael Heseltine is on the up again: a blonde tint is back in his greying mane.*

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Shephard to encourage articulate adolescents

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

GILLIAN SHEPHARD, keen to abolish "communication by grunt" among adolescents, announced yesterday that teenagers are to be graded according to their facility in spoken English. GCSE certificates will record a pupil's performance in the oral part of their English examination.

The Education and Employment Secretary also disclosed plans for a new professional qualification for aspiring headteachers. Aimed at existing deputy heads, the new diploma would not be mandatory but Mrs Shephard expected school governors to value it when making appointments.

Mrs Shephard hotly denied she was seeking to stamp out playground slang or regional accents — the purest form of the language was spoken in and around Aberdeen. Nor would she be putting received pronunciation on the curriculum. She was concerned that mumbling, inarticulate teenagers were selling themselves short at job interviews by their failure to communicate clearly and appropriately.

"Our young people must leave school able to speak clearly and effectively in standard English. Communication by grunt is not good enough," she told the conference in a well-received speech.

Mrs Shephard also announced the formation of a steering group chaired by Trevor McDonald, the broadcaster, to lead the campaign for better English unveiled last year. It would receive £250,000 of administrative back-up.

In GCSE English exams, 20 per cent of the marks are awarded on the strength of a candidate's performance in the oral exam. In future, the grade achieved in this part of the exam will be recorded separately to give employers a yardstick of communication skills.

Mrs Shephard said later that she wanted newspapers to promote good English, by running competitions for example. Employers should let applicants know when they had lost a job because of poor English. Spelling and grammar rules might be advertised on buses and trains.

The Education Secretary told the conference that the key to any successful enterprise was the head. "No reform or initiative will work without leadership. And we must invest even more to make our heads even better.

"They deserve to have the right tools for the job. That's why I recently announced tougher measures on discipline ... Heads also need professional recognition ... Strong, effective heads mean good schools and higher standards. We shall have a pilot scheme up and running by September next year."

The new National Professional Qualification for Headteachers, run and assessed under rigorous national standards, would operate alongside the "Headlamp" management training courses for existing heads. Distance learning techniques would be used.

Mrs Shephard said she was not impressed by Labour's conversion to a diluted version of self-governing schools. The party's true attitude towards such schools could be seen in Labour town halls where, for instance, sports matches across the divide were banned. "That's Labour in power, full of spite and hypocrisy."

The Education Secretary confirmed that she has not resolved her battle with the Treasury for an extra £800 million next year. But she reminded the conference of John Major's promise that education would be at the head of the queue as a reviving economy generated more wealth.

Shephard: promoting standard English

Portillo attacked from all sides

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

MICHAEL PORTILLO came under fire from across the Tory spectrum yesterday for his "ignorant and nationalistic" assault on Brussels.

The Defence Secretary won rapturous applause on Tuesday for his unashamedly Euro-sceptic speech, defending British sovereignty. But yesterday several senior Tories on both wings of the party were privately distancing themselves from his comments, which they felt had raised exaggerated fears.

One minister described the speech as diabolical, another said: "It was an Opposition speech. It was the worst I have ever heard from a Cabinet minister."

It is believed that one Cabinet minister, who saw a draft of the speech before it was delivered, made representations to John Major for it to be changed. Many Pro-Europeans were furious about the warm reception given to the speech by Mr Major, which was widely interpreted as a signal that he would fight the next election on a strongly Euro-sceptic platform.

Lord Howe of Aberavon, former Foreign Secretary, led the counter-attack against Mr Portillo. "I think it is very disturbing to find someone, holding the position he does, exploiting so faultlessly the easy anti-European applause line, casting Brussels as an ogre," he said in a radio interview. He argued that Mr Portillo should not have put forward the idea of a European mega-state. "This is in no way in prospect." Lord Plumb, leader of the Conservative MEPs, used a fringe meeting yesterday to register his anger both at Mr Portillo's speech and at continual sniping at Brussels by Tory MPs. "The flippant who persist in dragging out the same old arguments damage our country and our party," he said. "It is time for them to decide where their loyalty and patriotism really lies. Politics is about serving the electorate and not puerile posturing."

Tony Blair claimed that Mr Portillo's "juvenile and ill-informed speech" marked the Prime Minister's surrender to the Euro-rebels in his party.

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The party's over for right-wing young pretender

By Emma Wilkins and Alice Thomson

A SCHOOLBOY whose attempt to address the Tory conference has thrust him into the national spotlight is being exploited, his headmaster said yesterday.

Equally concerned was the Tory hierarchy, for whom 14-year-old Justin Hinchcliffe had become an embarrassing presence at many events in Blackpool. So well known has he become, that when he clapped the Prime Minister on the back John Major said: "You must be Justin."

Justin became the centre of attention after his local newspaper said that he hoped to speak in the education debate at Blackpool. He revelled in expressing his extreme views, proclaiming that he was "even more right-wing than Margaret Thatcher". But yesterday he was kept away from the conference platform, and party officials said he could not give more interviews because he had lost his voice.

The tabloid press has been eager to represent him as a precocious boy hoping to follow in the footsteps of William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, who got a standing ovation when he spoke at a party conference at the age of 16. But David Richards, acting head of St Augustine's School, Kilburn, north London, said: "Justin is not particularly mature for a 14-year-old. The attention is just getting over-the-top. After all this is over he has got to fit back in as an ordinary schoolboy. I am concerned that Justin is being exploited."

Philip Murphie, president of Tottenham Conservative Association, the boy's local party, said: "There are very right-wing elements in the party who are trying to exploit him. I don't have direct evidence, but it would be a remarkable 14-year-old indeed to have organised all this publicity by himself. He's a nice lad but not an academic high-achiever. The press have ascribed sophisticated political views to him which are just not there."

A conference official said Justin had not spoken in the education debate yesterday because he had not submitted his entry form in time. Another insisted that no one could take to the platform until their sixteenth birthday.

But the party had grown increasingly nervous about the boy's comments on the need for a clampdown on social security scroungers, more hospital closures and the death sentence for murderers. He also called for tougher action on single mothers, although his own mother brings up Justin and his halfbrother by herself. The family survives on £85 a week benefit and their £200-a-week rent is paid by the State.

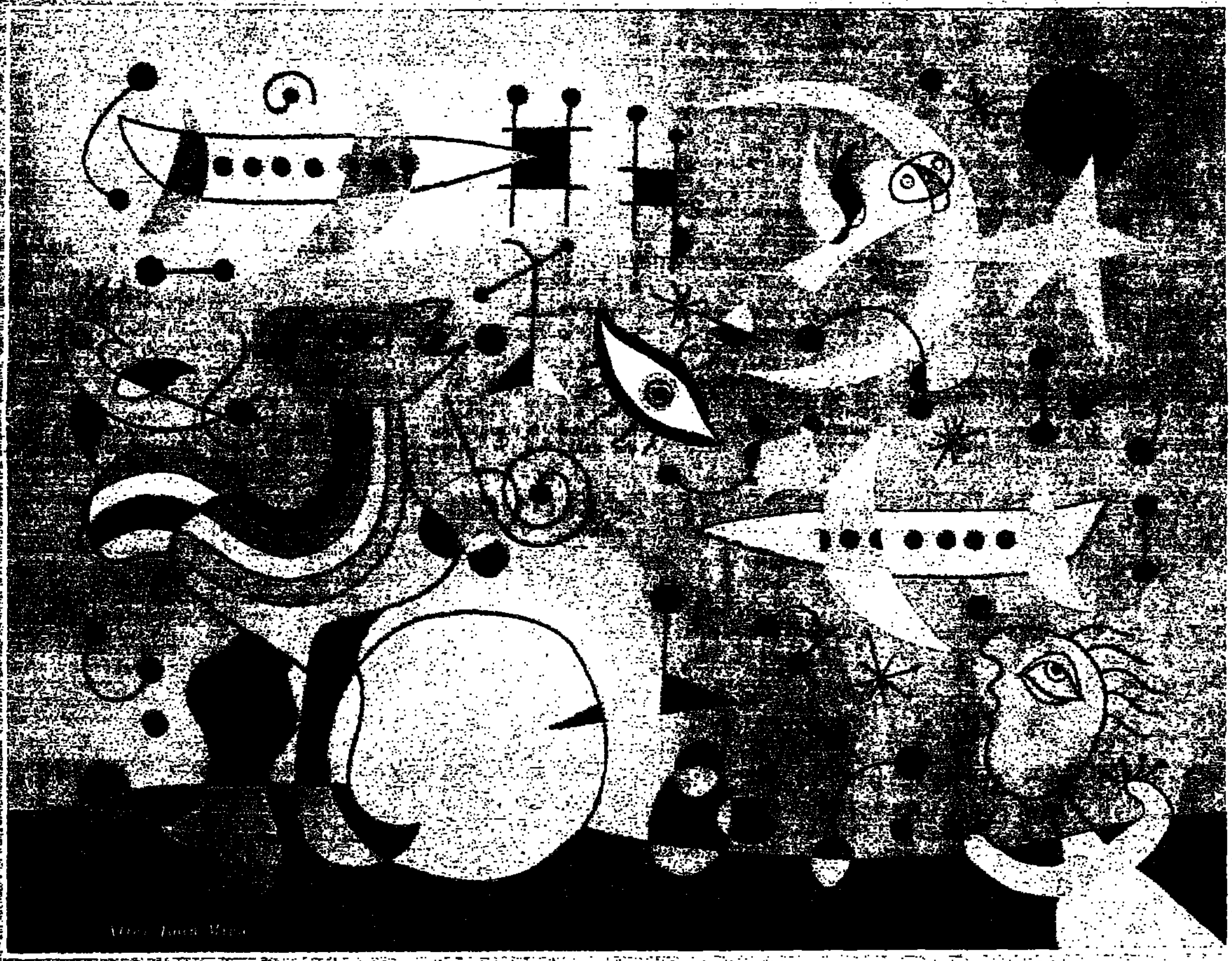
On Tuesday night he was mixing with Tory grandees at the smartest drinks parties and was being followed by wary Central Office minders and journalists. He gave an inpromptu press conference in front of several Cabinet Ministers.

He then upstaged Coronation Street's Barbara Knox by following the Majors to a charity event hosted by the Mayor of Blackpool.

Striding purposefully up to the Prime Minister, to the horror of Tory aides, Justin slapped him on the shoulder and said: "Prime Minister, the party is 100 per cent united behind you and concentrating our efforts to beat the Labour Party in the next election. I have no doubt you will be in Downing Street for another ten years."

The final word went to Sir Edward Heath, who told Justin to go to bed and asked him why he had been missing school.

Justin Hinchcliffe in the audience, flanked by officials, during the education debate. He was said to have lost his voice



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Doctors told they must not turn away smokers

Elphick: he was denied care until he gave up smoking

By Catherine Milton

DOCTORS have been told they *must not refuse to treat patients* with unhealthy habits, such as smoking and excessive drinking, and that they must be polite. The new requirements are contained in revised rules on their duties issued by the General Medical Council *yesterday*.

Sir Donald Irvine, president of the council, which has legal powers to discipline doctors, said: "A doctor cannot insert his own view of a patient's lifestyle and, in a sense, punish the patient by withholding treatment *for, say, smoking.*" He said it was perfectly proper for doctors to warn patients of the risks of some habits. The council's publication, *Duties of a Doctor*, replaces the existing book on conduct and discipline and adds 21 new provisions, *many of which* clarify existing rules. The revised guidance is contained in four pamphlets being issued to the country's 160,000 registered doctors, all medical schools and patients' groups.

One new rule warns doctors: "*You must not refuse or delay* treatment because you believe that patients' actions have contributed to their condition."

The provision gives legal force to similar guidance issued by doctors' leaders after the death of a 47-year-*old man in 1993 who was refused* treatment until he stopped smoking. Harry Elphick, who quit his 25 cigarettes-a-day habit, died from a heart attack before doctors could carry out a *bypass operation*, costing up to £10,000.

Sir Donald added: "The duty of a doctor is to help the individual patients with whom they have entered into a relationship, not to make a judgment. How can you tell how difficult it might be for someone hooked on cigarettes, who *you know should stop smoking to* prevent a heart attack, actually to give up?"

The rules cover standards of practice, patient confidentiality, HIV/Aids and advertising. They were produced as part of the *council's duty to protect patients* and guide doctors.

The guidance raises the prospect of disciplinary action against doctors who are rude or inconsiderate *to patients, depending on circumstances.* A new provision makes clear for the first time that doctors must "treat patients politely and considerately".

Doctors are also warned that they must record their research results truthfully and must not make false claims to authorship. Sir Donald said the provision reflected concern over fraud in research. In June, Malcolm Pearce, a consultant at St George's Hospital in Tooting, southwest London, was found guilty of falsifying research findings.

Mr Pearce claimed that he had successfully transferred an ectopic pregnancy into the womb and brought it to term. Sir Donald said: "This again makes explicit the need *for doctors to be scrupulously* honest when involved in research."

He said senior doctors, who frequently took credit for research done by junior colleagues, would have to accept the responsibility of adding their names to the work. In the Pearce case, Professor Geoffrey Chamberlain, the head of department who was also editor of the journal where the false article appeared, signed the report "as a formality".

Sir Donald said: "Simply penning your name to it in the hope that somebody else has checked it *was accurate is not sufficient.*"

Doctors are also required to keep up to date with medical developments, including new laws.

U-turn by ITV keeps the news at ten

The first episode of a new series of *Cracker* is being moved to avoid a clash with *News at Ten*. ITV had wanted to delay the news by 15 minutes next Monday, a move *that* angered the Independent Television Commission. It said the proposed change infringed the terms of ITV company licences.

A *Cracker* repeat will be screened on Monday and the new series will now start with a 75-minute episode on Sunday, October 22, when there is no *News at Ten*.

Fire deaths

A mother and her two daughters died in a fire at their home in Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan. Neighbours said that Diane Jones, 22, *had screamed for* help for Shona, two, and Sarah Jane, one, from a bedroom window.

Second ballot

The Civil and Public Services *Association is to hold* a fresh ballot for a strike over pay by 20,000 JobCentre workers. The Employment Service complained in the High Court that workers not involved in the dispute had *been balloted* initially.

In the frame

A collection of 331 Old Master drawings by artists including Tintoretto, Rubens, Corregio and Mantegna has been bought for £3.22 million by the Trustees of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for display at the Walker Art Gallery.

Three robbed

Two men who forced a 77-year-old woman out of her car at gunpoint *in Birmingham* later attacked and robbed a man of 82 and his 72-year-old wife in their home in the city. They stole a video recorder and other items before fleeing in the car.

Café campaign

More than *18,000* people have signed a petition to save a café frequented by Dylan Thomas in the 1950s. Swansea councillors will decide tonight whether the Kardomah Coffee House should make way for an American-style shopping mall.

Old smokes

Packets of Wills Cinderella, Morris's Virginia Blend and Cohen Weenen Coliseum, cigarettes not smoked for a century, sold for £90 at an *auction in Nottingham*. The lot, which had been expected to fetch £30, included war matches.

Tribunal backs compensation fight

Diocese pays man £9,000 more than woman he replaced

By Paul Wilkinson

A WOMAN has won the right to claim compensation because the man who took over *her job was paid more for the* same work. The case could provoke scores of claims from low-paid women.

The action, thought to be the first of its kind, is being brought by Joanne Con*naughton, the former director* of music with the Roman Catholic diocese of Hallam in Sheffield, under Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome, which regulates employment law.

Her lawyer, Martin Brewer, of the Leeds-based solicitors Pinsent Curtis, said the decision by a Sheffield industrial tribunal to consider her claim was significant. Miss *Connaughton's case, which is* supported by the Equal Opportunities Commission, will be heard later this year.

Mr Brewer said: "If a woman in a low-paid job is replaced by a man earning *more, there is no reason why* she should not complain. It is up to the employer to explain why." Miss Connaughton said that she had been "outraged" after leaving her £11,000-a-year post a year ago to discover that her successor, Philip Jakob, was being paid £20,000.

She joined the diocese seven years ago on pay of about £6,000. She was given a number of rises over the years, but never to a figure she had hoped for.

Eventually she left to study *for qualifications* to obtain a higher-paid post. Miss Connaughton, 30, from Sheffield, said: "I accepted it when they told me they could not afford more. *I would have accepted* the situation if my sucessor had been paid £2,000 or £3,000 more than me, but when I heard it was almost double I was incensed."

Later she discovered Mr *Jakob had been granted a 37-*hour week with time off in lieu of overtime, something she had been denied despite repeated requests. "I wrote to Gerald Moverley, the Bishop of Hallam, but he was not *very helpful so the only course* was to seek legal redress." Her duties involved overseeing all service music in the diocese and especially in Sheffield Cathedral. *She also arranged* the musical progamme for special events including a BBC *Songs of Praise*.

Mr Brewer said that present *English legislation, the Equal* Pay Act, did not allow a claimant to cite the salary of a successor, but the Treaty of Rome had a wider scope. He successfully argued at the tribunal's preliminary hearing that the treaty did not require Miss Connaughton to compare herself to a man employed at the same time.

He said: "It has always been *clear that the Treaty of Rome* gives workers better rights than the UK Equal Pay Act and the tribunal decision applies this wider European law. This decision will encourage women to draw comparisons *with better-paid male* colleagues whether appointed before, at the same time, or after the woman's employment."

If she is successful Miss Connaughton could receive up to £40,000 compensation. Brit*ish legislation limits* back pay to the last two years of employment, but there is no such restriction under the Treaty of Rome. Nobody in the *Hallam diocese was available* for comment.

DES JENSON

Domingo, Carreras and Pavarotti yesterday at the launch of their tour, on which they will sing to 300,000 people

Three tenors aim to net 50,000 at Wembley

By Dalya Alberge

THE *three tenors,* Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and José Carreras, will sing in Britain next year to an audience of 50,000 at Wembley Stadium.

The top ticket prices will be £350, rising *to £1,500 for a select number who will* also dine with the stars. The cheapest tickets will be £35.

London will be second stop on a tour also including Tokyo, New York, Munich and Melbourne, with a total audience of 300,000. The tenors first sang together to mark the 1990 World Cup finals, and gave an encore *last year in Los Angeles* at the World Cup. That was thought to have been their last performance together, so news of the tour of sports stadiums will delight fans.

The repertoire for the concerts, all in sports stadiums, is to be decided this week. Tickets for the Wembley concert, *on July 6*, went on sale yesterday.

Oldest mushroom found in amber

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A MUSHROOM more than three times as old as any *previously discovered* has been found trapped in a piece of amber 90 million years old. It was found in New Jersey and is similar in shape *to modern mushrooms.*

Although tiny, the New Jersey mushroom looks very similar to those belonging to *the Marasmius and Marasmellius* groups, which include the fungi responsible for "fairy rings" in lawns.

Scientists from Harvard *University and the American* Museum of Natural History, who describe the mushroom in *Nature*, say bark fibres and leaves found in pieces of amber close by suggest that the mushroom was growing *on the rotting remains of a* cedar tree.

Mushrooms and toadstools are so fragile that they are seldom preserved for long, but in this case the mushroom, which is only a *few millimetres across,* was surrounded by resin from a tree which later formed amber, protecting it.

Gunmen free killer on hospital visit

By Paul Wilkinson

A CONVICTED murderer described as very dangerous *was on the run last night after* being sprung from a prison van by two armed accomplices. Alan Byrne, 44, who was given four life sentences at the *Old Bailey* ten years ago for killing a security guard and firearms offences, escaped as he was being taken to a hospital appointment from a top-security prison.

Two warning shots were fired *into the air by* the gunmen who were lying in wait in the car park of Newcastle General Hospital yesterday morning. The gunmen and Byrne, who was wearing handcuffs, ran off, *jumping over* a wall *and* dropping eight feet to a road outside the hospital where a getaway car was waiting. A police spokeswoman said: "Byrne is very dangerous and *should not be approached on* any account."

He was attending the hospital for an examination after complaining of serious pains *at the high-security Frankland* prison outside Durham City.

Byrne and Richard Trump, 31, both from London, were jailed for life on June 19, 1985, for murdering John McWilliams, 58, a security guard. *Byrne had 14 previous convic*tions, including one for manslaughter.

At a press conference soon after the escape, Superintendent Eric Mock said: "Byrne committed a cold-blooded *murder* while *trying to get* money for gain. There aren't many more dangerous than that."

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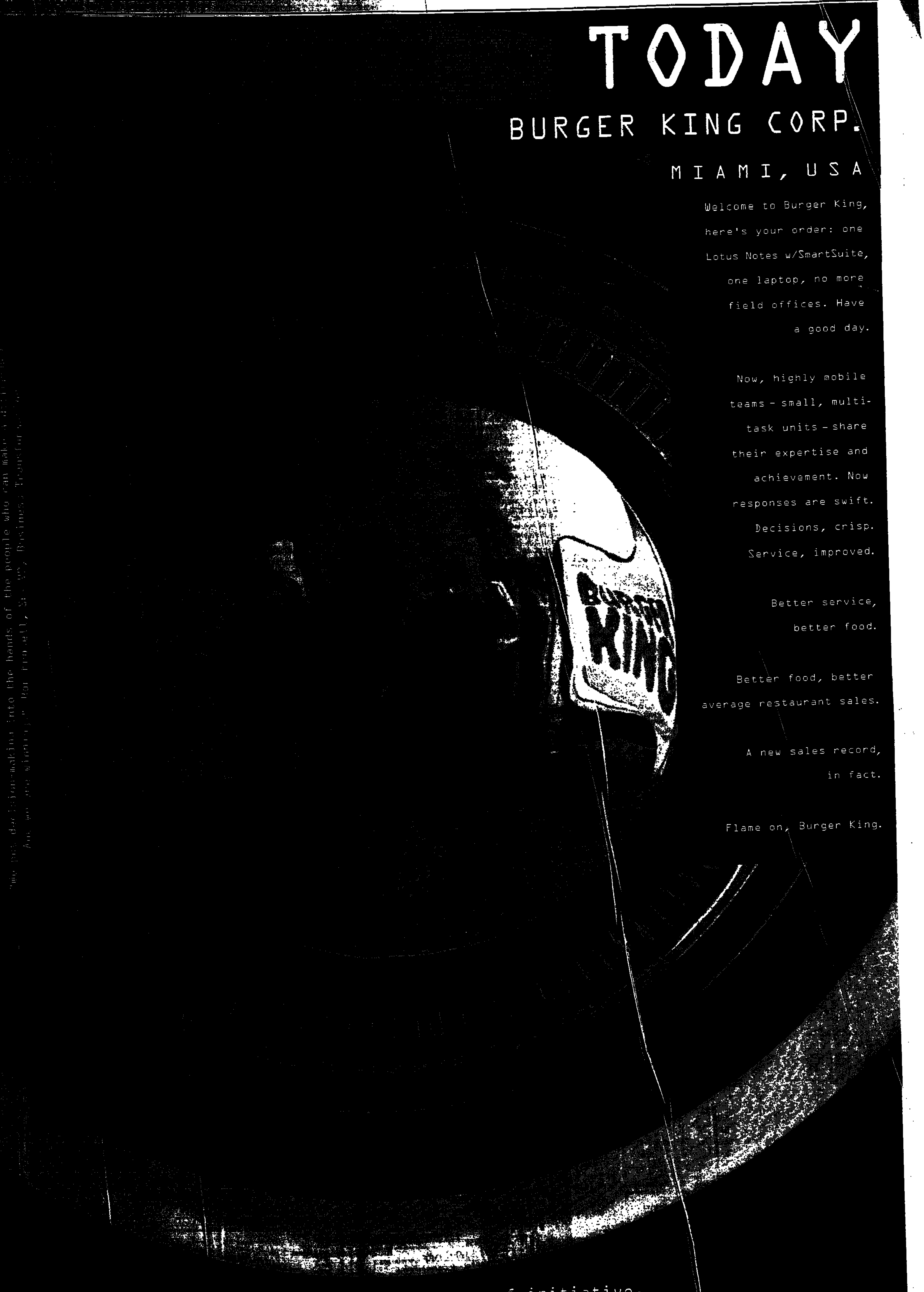

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NBC pulls the plug on live Simpson interview

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AN AMERICAN television network announced last night that it was cancelling its face-to-face interview with O. J. Simpson, hours before the programme was scheduled to be screened.

NBC television said it could not show it because of pending civil suits aganist the former football star by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. Mr Simpson was acquitted last week of their murders.

Earlier yesterday, hundreds of irate callers deluged NBC with protests before the live television interview,the first since his acquittal. The backlash put NBC executives in the dilemma of being subjected to intense criticism over a programme that was expected to rival the Super Bowl in sheer numbers of viewers. The episode illustrated how aftershocks from the Simpson trial continue to reverberate across America, where a majority of his fellow blacks believe that he was rightfully acquitted and most whites think not.

To try to deflect viewers' outrage, NBC kept emphasising that it would not profit from the interview. Mr Simpson received no fee and his hour-long appearance was run without any commercial interruptions.

The interview was in the middle of a three-hour, prime-time special on the Simpson case. Advertisers who had previously booked commercials for the original programmes were invited to stay. Some did, but others insisted on pulling out.

Advertisers were leery for the same reason that viewers were aggrieved. Mr Simpson is condemned as a man who admitted beating his wife, Nicole Brown, long before he was accused of stabbing her and Goldman to death.

The National Organisation for Women (NOW) marched outside NBC's studios in Burbank, California, while Mr Simpson was interviewed inside. They issued a boycott threat, saying any corporation associated with Mr Simpson would be committing economic suicide. "NBC has essentially handed over its network to a wife batterer," said Tammy Bruce, head of NOW in Los Angeles. Lost advertising revenue could cost NBC as much as $2.5 million (£1.6 million). Other networks, anticipating a huge audience for NBC, opted for reruns.

The initial plan to run the interview was seen as bad timing for ten Republican presidential candidates who were holding a televised debate in New Hampshire last night. For months, each has been lavishing money and attention on the state that holds the crucial first primary to try to establish himself as the obvious alternative to frontrunner Robert Dole. If the Simpson show had gone out it meant that the vast majority of viewers would be switching channels midway through the 90-minute forum.

The Dole camp had scarcely bothered to conceal the Senate leader's pleasure at these developments. "It's good for Dole," one senior adviser acknowledged before the debate. "If there's a problem, no one will see it."

NBC arranged the interview through old friendships with Mr Simpson, who used to commentate for the network on American football, the game that made him famous. Andrew Lack, president of NBC News, said Mr Simpson believed that if he did not come forward and talk about the case he would never be able to move on with his life.

Mr Simpson's efforts to restore his good standing with the jury of public opinion are on a par with Richard Nixon, who took years to win back a measure of respect after Watergate forced him from the White House. But Mr Simpson turned to NBC only after his plans to make $20 million from a pay-per-view deal were rejected by the two biggest distributors as unseemly.

His attempts to profit from his acquittal are faring less well than he hoped, largely because of public indignation. He was paid $200,000, not the reported $1 million, for photographs of his homecoming party published this week in *Star*, a weekly tabloid. The paper was pulled from the shelves of some Los Angeles supermarkets in response to shoppers' complaints, but Phil Bunton, its editor-in-chief, said yesterday that no advertisers had boycotted the paper over its exclusive coverage.

Mr Simpson's book of jailhouse musings, *I Want to Tell You*, sold half a million copies during the trial, but his publishers, Little Brown, have turned down a sequel.

Mr Simpson's coffers could be drying up quickly. He pays $5,000 a month to his murdered wife's parents as guardians of his two young children. He still has his $5 million estate in the Brentwood area of Los Angeles, but he took out a $3 million loan on the property to help pay an estimated $7.5 million in costs to his "dream team" of defence lawyers.

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Court bans butler

New York: A court in New York has ruled that in the case of the $1.2 billion will of Doris Duke the butler, who is one of the beneficiaries, should not be allowed to act as one of her executors (Quentin Letts writes).

Miss Duke, once known as "the richest girl in the world", died in 1993, aged 80. She bequeathed her butler, Bernard Lafferty, $500,000 a year for the rest of his life, and also appointed him to oversee the will.

A protracted trial may now decide if the late Miss Duke was compos mentis when drafting her last wishes.

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister, yesterday with one of the first wind-up radios made at a British-backed plant in Cape Town. The set was invented by Trevor Bayliss, a Briton, for remote areas

South Africa's clumsy diplomacy strains relations with America

Once-cordial ties between Washington and post-apartheid South Africa have gone awry, ***R. W. Johnson*** *reports*

WHEN Nelson Mandela was released from prison and began his career as a statesman, he concentrated on building a cordial relationship with America. He had a ticker-tape parade in New York, and was welcomed to the White House; Al Gore, the Vice-President, attended his presidential inauguration and Washington extended generous aid to South Africa. However, there are signs that this crucial relationship is deteriorating fast.

Things started to go wrong when, as a result of South African pirating of American trademarks during the years of economic isolation, Washington placed South Africa on a trade watch list. That this happened almost automatically because South Africa had, for example, allowed two fast-food companies to use the McDonald's trademark illicitly, was lost on Franklin Sonn, the Ambassador to the United States, who railed against "American imperialism", and winning no friends in Newt Gingrich's Washington.

Next came the decision by R. F. "Pik" Botha, the Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister, to offer Iran oil storage facilities in South Africa despite the American ban on such deals. Mr Botha, a previous envoy to the United Nations, should have known how little Washington appreciates its Middle East policy being destabilised, but appears to have signed the agreement without any thought about its repercussions.

Last weekend, South Africa hosted a conference of solidarity with Cuba in protest against the American trade blockade, and assembled delegations from ten surrounding states in a virtual fête of anti-Americanism. This was organised by the South African Communist Party and attended by many ministers and leading ANC personalities such as Tokyo Sexwale, the Prime Minister of Gauteng province.

Mr Sexwale announced the twinning of Gauteng, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria, with Havana province and declared that if Cuba were to go down, that would be the end of South Africa. Washington can hardly afford to ignore such talk, given that Mr Sexwale is seen as one of the main contenders to succeed President Mandela.

On top of this comes the row over an American court case about the massive violations of Washington's arms export controls by South Africa during the 1980s. Mr Sonn has accused America of trying to "put Mandela in the dock" and has demanded that President Clinton should unconstitutionally intervene to quash the charges. The envoy has also issued threats such as calling a meeting of all African ambassadors over the "crisis" in relations between America and South Africa and, worst of all, has threatened to take his case to black America, suggesting that he might join next week's march on Washington by Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

The ambassador, who probably reached his appropriate level as head of a Cape Town technical college, seems to have no inkling of what rage is invoked in America by playing the racial card and that anyone who even threatens to consort with the likes of Mr Farrakhan is tainted for ever.

Part of the problem is that Alfred Nzo, the Foreign Minister, is widely regarded as not being up to his job. Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, who had been the ANC's foreign minister in exile, is believed to have agreed to Mr Nzo's appointment only because it had allowed him to continue to pull the strings through Aziz Pahad, the Deputy Foreign Minister. The resulting weakness of leadership has left inexperienced ambassadors such as Mr Sonn without much guidance.

The real fear is that Washington might react to the downward drift in relations with South Africa by being reluctant to provide badly-needed investment.

Johannesburg: South Africa's 400 MPs, who began a four-month recess three weeks ago, returned to Parliament in Cape Town yesterday to push through a Bill that will enable local government elections to be held in most places on November 1 (Ray Kennedy writes). The big exceptions will be in Kwazulu/Natal and in Cape Town.

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India amazed by scholarly Rao's secret sex novel

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S scholarly Prime Minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, 74, whose literary reputation rests on translations of worthy tomes from his native Telugu, has secretly written a raunchy novel of sex, love and power. His friends are amazed.

The book, 15 years in the making and still not quite finished, is written in antiquated Indian English with long, strangely framed sentences that finally get to the salacious point. When they do, they are an old man's forthright memories of passion.

He writes: "They lay in silence for a long, long time. As it grew darker they came closer. He lay with his head on her lap while she combed through his smooth hair with her fingers and kissed him on the forehead. Then they exchanged places and she rested her head on his chest, making him feel her undulating breastline against himself."

There are swear words and slang expressions that would never appear in a mainstream newspaper. It seems to be semi-autobiographical; drawing as it does on the experiences of a landed Brahmin from the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, from where Mr Rao comes, who had many girlfriends — reputedly like the younger Mr Rao — and wrestled constantly with the temptations of political power.

The sex is what will astound Indians, who believed Mr Rao to be a sedate man of strict mores and emotional restraint. "Their bodies, like strangers meeting for the first time, introduced themselves to each other," he writes. "It was a process in which millions of pores, blood vessels and reflexes were involved in an all-out mutual comprehension."

Excerpts from the manuscript were published yesterday in the launch edition of *Outlook*, a weekly news magazine, whose editor-in-chief, Vinod Mehta, did not say where he obtained them. But he believes the Prime Minister would not be upset "because we have revealed another dimension of the man".

The Prime Minister, a widower, describes a politician who knows what to do with any woman who is able to influence him — "oblige her in bed to her heart's content, but never touch official files". The politician asserts that there should be no attachment with any female beyond coitus, and that all women should be treated with equal contempt and got rid of quickly.

Mr Rao spends at least two hours a day typing into his laptop, making notes for his memoirs and fiddling with his near-finished novel, *The Other Half*, from which contempt for corrupt politicians shines. It describes the wooing of voters with liquor before elections, and details the manoeuvrings of politicians looking for a ministerial job.

Mr Rao talks of the hypocrisy of people surrounding Mahatma Gandhi: "Many had — or thought they had — hoodwinked Gandhi by wearing loincloths, while they fornicated with any woman who came their way and earned tons of money by illegal means."

Strangely for a Brahmin, he mocks the high-born. "How does a Brahmin or a Reddy or a Yadav or a Jatav or any other caste-labelled bastard know that his mother had not slept with a stud-bull of another caste and begotten him?" That will send shivers through the Brahminical establishment. After this, India will look at its quiet, reclusive Prime Minister with new eyes.

The Indian leader crafts another explicit paragraph, as portrayed by Ajit Ninan in *Outlook* magazine

China warned by Patten to keep elected council

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN, in giving what he described as "the last speech of its kind I will make" as Governor of Hong Kong in his annual policy address yesterday, placed himself at the centre of events during the colony's last 600 days before its handover to China.

He also held out an olive branch to Peking, but in his speech to the Legislative Council said that if the recently elected body were denied its full four-year term, as China has threatened, it would "damage Hong Hong and the prospect of a smooth transition to Chinese sovereignty". Mr Patten, intent on ensuring that he could not be described as "sidelined", said that there was virtually no area of the colony's life on which he did not touch.

The new council was sworn in yesterday just hours before the address. Gone were some of Mr Patten's fiercest enemies, and present were pro-Peking tycoons in expensive suits, and many more democrats.

Having defended the council and the importance of freedom and democracy in building the colony's economic success, Mr Patten said: "I stand ready to offer the hand of friendship and co-operation to the chief executive," his successor after July 1, 1997, whom Peking will appoint next year. But the Governor declined to extend the same friendly hand to a Peking-appointed "provisional" council which may be appointed as early as next year. He said that there was no mention in the constitution of such a body.

Mr Patten said repeatedly that he looked forward to co-operation with the new, wholly elected council, where he no longer can count on his own appointed and ex-officio members, but underlined that until the chief executive was democratically elected, the Government would remain executive-led while accountable to the council.

☐ **Labour pledge:** Mr Patten promised to curb the import of foreign workers from next year. The new "general labour importation scheme" would allow for a maximum of 5,000 foreigners to be working in the colony at any one time, compared with 25,000 now.

The scheme was launched in 1989 when Hong Kong faced a critical labour shortage; now, because of the gradual shift from a manufacturing to a service-oriented economy and a recent slowdown in the growth rate, unemployment has surged to a ten-year high of 3.5 per cent. *(Reuter)*

WORLD SUMMARY

Filipinos flee from mudflows

San Fernando: At least 36,000 Filipinos abandoned their homes on northern Luzon island yesterday as mudflows from Mount Pinatubo threatened to bury their homes.

However, more than 30,000 villagers have refused to move and mayors have asked them to sign waivers absolving the authorities of responsibility for damage.

The danger is aggravated by illegal fish ponds and dykes which have contributed to flooding. Last week, tropical storm Sybil buried Bacolor and flood waters now threaten three other towns near San Fernando. *(Reuter)*

Israeli MPs fear 'mutiny'

Jerusalem: As Israeli troops evacuated offices in three more occupied West Bank villages yesterday, leading members of the Knesset, including rightwingers, said that the threat of mutiny against the policy by senior reserve officers could sabotage the army (Christopher Walker writes). Ten officers, led by a captain, have announced that they would no longer serve and were ready to go to jail rather than take part in the pullout.

Rushdie death sentence holds

Manila: President Rafsanjani of Iran has repeated that the fatwa on the life of Salman Rushdie, the author, remains in force (Abby Tan writes). At the end of the Philippines stage of a tour also including Vietnam and Bangladesh, he said: "The fatwa shall not be changed." Mr Rushdie was condemned to death by Iran's late religious leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, in 1989 for his book *The Satanic Verses*.

Quack remedy

Canberra: An Australian man was fined £1,000 for "broadcasting something that was not speech" by quacking like a duck on his unlicensed radio transmitter in the Tasmanian town of Launceston. *(Reuter)*

Ozone alert trio win Nobel prize

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

Rowland: research led to ban on ozone-destroyers

SCIENTISTS who first gave warning of the destruction of the Earth's ozone layer were yesterday awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.

Paul Crutzen, 62, a Dutchman who works at the Max Planck Institute in Germany, Dr Mario Molina, 52, Mexican-born, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr Sherwood Rowland, 68, of the University of California at Irvine, shared the $1 million prize.

The citation said that it was thanks to the scientific understanding provided by the three that the far-reaching decision to ban the use of ozone-destroying gases had been taken. Two US physicists — Dr Martin Perl, of Stanford, and Dr Frederick Reines, of the University of California at Irvine — won the physics prize for discovering two fundamental particles of matter, the tau and the neutrino.

Dr Perl, 68, and Dr Reines, 77, began their work in the 1950s. The existence of neutrinos was first postulated by Wolfgang Pauli in 1930 to account for an apparent loss of energy when an atomic nucleus decays, releasing an electron, but it was Dr Reines who first proved that the elusive particle, which has no mass and no charge, exists.

The discovery by Dr Perl of the tau was the first sign that a third family of fundamental building blocks of matter exists, each family made up of particles called leptons and quarks. "The tau is one of the cornerstones of the last family of leptons. Without the tau, we would not have expected the last family," Professor Donald Davis, of the University of London, said yesterday.

When Dr Molina and Dr Rowland first pointed out in the 1970s that chlorofluorocarbons used in refrigerators and aerosols might damage the ozone layer, their work was dismissed as cranky. But in 1985 scientists from the British Antarctic Survey identified the ozone hole over Antarctica, proving that the danger was real.

US fast-food shops to teach old burghers new tricks

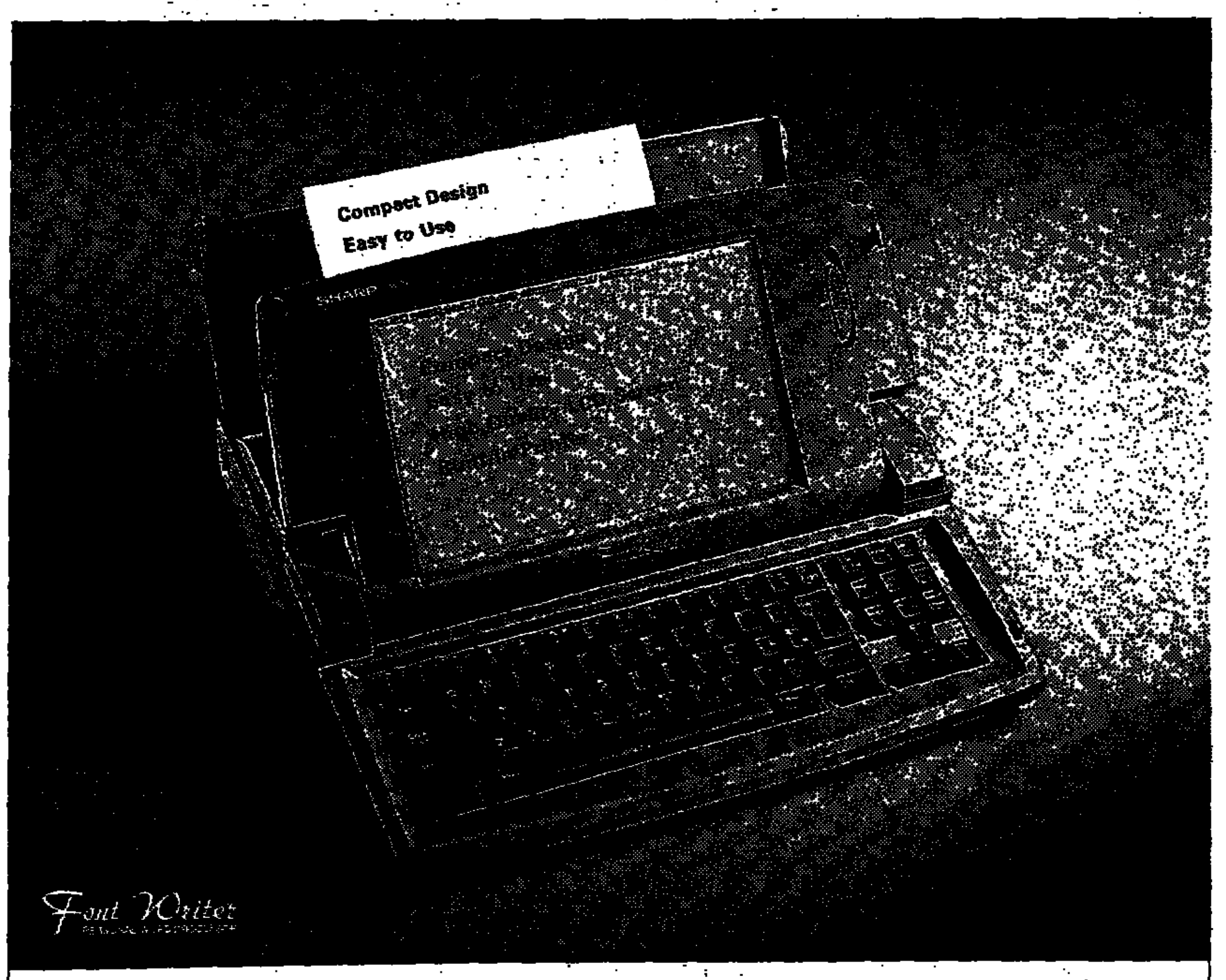
FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ONE of the defining characters of modern America — the sunny youth who takes your order at the fast-food outlet — faces a challenge to his supremacy. Grandparents are being trained to work behind fast-food shop counters.

America's young have long regarded fast-food companies as a sure employer, working shifts at the local Burger King or McDonald's to pay their way through college. The average pay is $6 (£3.80) an hour. But while they provided cheap labour, teenagers also tended to be unreliable, perhaps failing to show up for work or giving notice as soon as they had funds for a holiday. Older people should be less feckless, it is felt.

A training centre will open in New York today to teach 55 to 65-year-olds how to operate the computerised tills, timed chip cookers and automatic drink dispenser software. Instruction will also be given in the shops' grating argot, from "Have a nice day" to the sometimes baffling list of supplementary questions a counterhand must ask the customer, be they salad dressing options or milkshake colours. Karen Shaffer, a director with New York's Department of Ageing, said yesterday that "mature workers" view the high-tech fast-food counter with terror.

"They have not been brought up with computers and have an initial fear," she said. "We aim to put them in a classroom with their peers and show them how to operate these machines." Older people are less likely to demonstrate "attitude" (impatience) or to do a bunk. The course will also teach pupils to use a calculator, mental arithmetic being a thing of the past.



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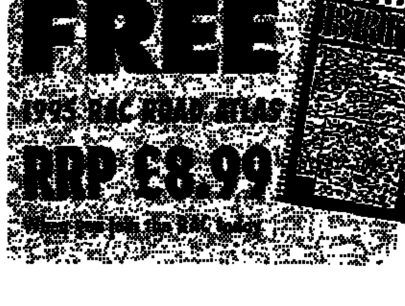

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UN accuses Muslims of stalling to regain land

Warring parties agree time for Bosnia truce

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

BOTH sides in Bosnia's bloody 41-month war have agreed to a new ceasefire. The third attempt this week to end the fighting was set to have taken effect at a minute past midnight this morning.

"We have witnessed a significant and possibly historic step along the road towards a peaceful settlement to the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Antonio Pedauye, the United Nations head of mission in Bosnia, said yesterday.

The truce was delayed twice by the Bosnian Government, which said that power supplies to the capital were insufficient. UN officials said that the claims were absurd and "ridiculous". One commented: "It was the situation on the ground, not the levels of electricity reaching Sarajevo that influenced their decision."

The ceasefire was set to take hold at 0.01am on Tuesday, but was postponed because gas supplies had not yet reached the city. Once the gas arrived and most of the capital was lit, the Government resumed its complaint about electricity.

Only hours after claiming that the levels of electricity were insufficient, Bosnian government forces and their Croat allies captured two key towns, Mrkonjic Grad and Sanski Most, sending about 40,000 Serb civilians fleeing towards Prijedor and Banja Luka.

Mrkonjic Grad was the last remaining Serb-held town on a road that links the Bosnian capital to the Muslim enclave of Bihac, and Sanski Most is only 25 miles from Banja Luka, the Bosnian Serb stronghold.

Although the Bosnian Army had been trying to take the two strategic towns since last month, Bosnian government officials claim the delay in the ceasefire had nothing to do with the military advances.

"We are simply trying to focus on people following through with their agreements. We want to see things [electricity] in full swing in Sarajevo. We don't want to compromise anything," Omar Sacirbey, an adviser to the Bosnian Foreign Ministry, said. He said the Government could not allow "agreements to be met halfway".

The Bosnian Government appeared, however, to be groping for reasons to delay the ceasefire as its troops advanced. Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, said on Tuesday that the ceasefire could not take effect until the Bosnian Serbs removed a checkpoint on a main road leading out of Sarajevo; the issue was never mentioned in the truce agreement. Earlier in the week, the Prime Minister insisted that a ceasefire would not take effect until Nato responded to Bosnian Serb attacks on a refugee centre near Tuzla, killing at least 12 people.

The thousands of Serb civilians from the two captured towns went towards Banja Luka, which is already overrun with Serb refugees who fled the Croatian advance into Krajina in August and a joint Muslim-Croat advance into western Bosnia in September. Local radio reports said the refugees were clogging the roads, further inhibiting the Serbs' abilities to resupply and reinforce their battered front lines. As Serb forces lost ground, they continued to expel thousands of non-Serbs from their territory. Officials from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said they were very concerned about reports from refugees of rape, murder and looting by the Serbs.

French peacekeepers relax as engineers restored power supplies in Sarajevo yesterday before the planned truce

London care for hurt boy

A TEENAGE boy who was badly wounded by a grenade in Sarajevo is to fly to Britain this weekend for emergency treatment (Kathryn Knight writes).

Eldin Isovic, 13, was blinded in one eye, with the other severely damaged, and lost his left arm and right leg in August. A Foreign Office spokesman said Eldin would stay in Britain indefinitely: "We in government have not hardened our heart. We take people as and when we can."

Aid officials give warning of refugee crisis after peace

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AS TENS of thousands of people from all three ethnic groups in Bosnia-Herzegovina fled or were forced to flee from their homes yesterday in the latest fighting in the north of the country, aid officials gave a warning of the refugee nightmare facing the international community once a peace settlement is reached.

An official from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva said Western governments now planning to implement the peace seemed unaware that thousands of families would refuse to return to their homes if they were in areas to be controlled by the wrong ethnic group.

The warning came as Nato ambassadors met yesterday to approve plans for sending a 60,000-man peace implementation force to Bosnia, which will replace the United Nations Protection Force.

However, British diplomatic sources said the role of the Nato-led force would not be to sort out the refugee problem. "It will not be part of their job to see that refugees wanting to return to their homes are provided with military escort; their role will be to keep the peace," one diplomat said.

The resettling of refugees will be one of the issues to be discussed at the peace implementation conference to be held in London next month. The special conference, to look at the practical details of implementing a settlement, was announced on Tuesday by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary.

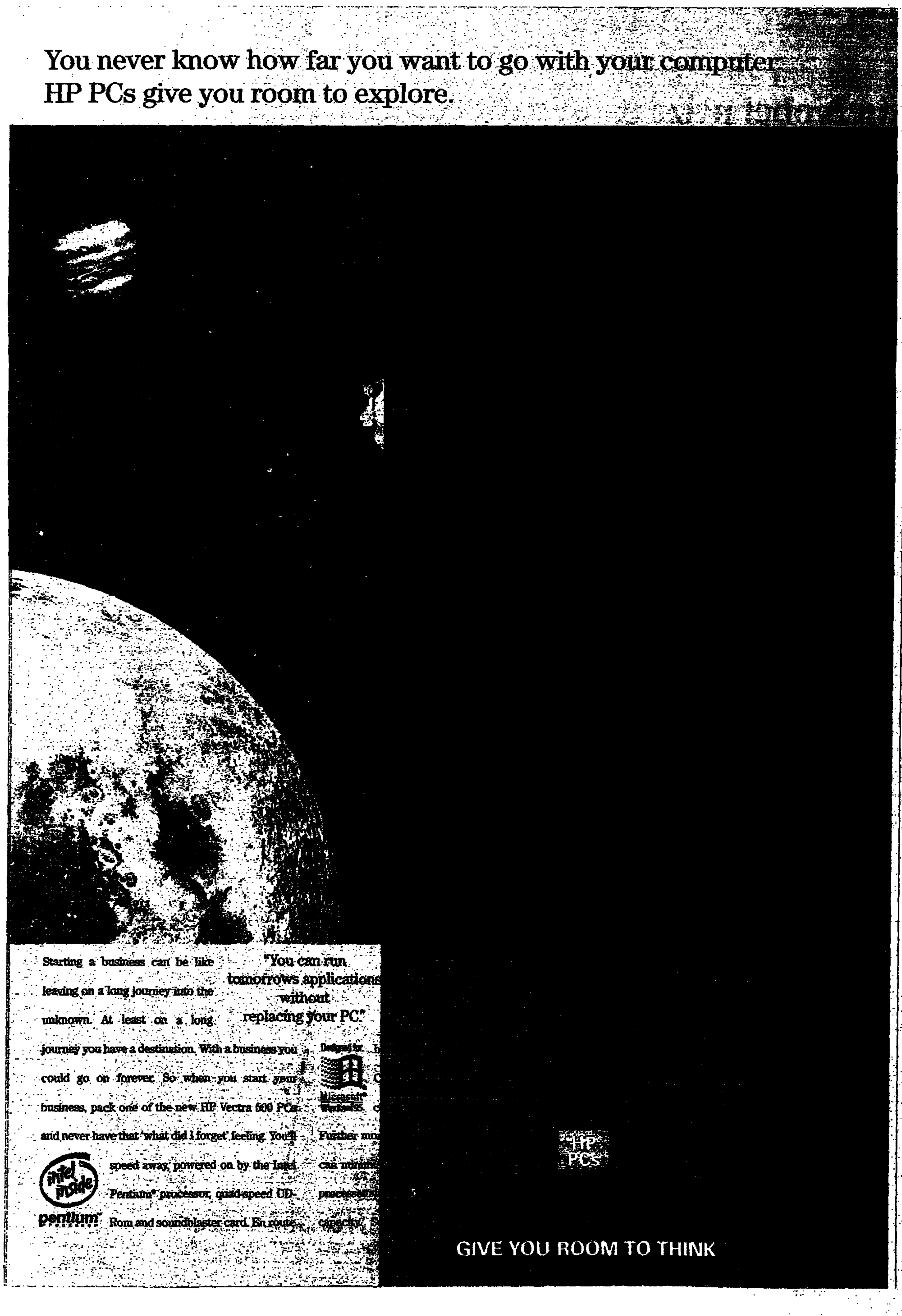
As Nato ambassadors finalised the peace-force plan, officials in Bonn said that between 3,000 and 4,000 German troops would take part in the operation, although they would be based in Croatia.

The London conference next month will also discuss the huge task of reconstruction of the damaged towns and cities in Bosnia, which American officials have estimated could cost more than $4 billion (£2.54 billion).

Considerable improvements have been made in recent months, especially in Mostar, where a 56-man European Union administration is responsible for bringing some semblance of order and repair to the shattered city, particularly the eastern part.

Yesterday Sir Martin Garrod, chief of staff of the EU administration, said it would take 20 or 30 years for the destroyed city to be rebuilt. "But there is not a single citizen in Mostar who has not already benefited from the work being carried out here," Sir Martin said.

In Washington, the Clinton Administration said it would bar Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, from attending peace talks scheduled to open in America at the end of the month.



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Murmansk corruption and red tape put Nordic business links at risk

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MURMANSK

RUSSIA took over the chairmanship yesterday of the Barents Council, a new co-operation network among Europe's Arctic nations. But few people in the bleak northern city of Murmansk expect much change or any big influx of fresh aid from their rich Scandinavian neighbours.

The enthusiasm that greeted the opening of the frozen borders in the strategic Kola peninsula two years ago is waning quickly. Norwegian businessmen have been scared off by obstructive bureaucracy, widespread reneging on contracts and a pervasive atmosphere of menace from organised crime. There is a strong feeling among Westerners that unless Murmansk moves swiftly to curb local greed and double-dealing, the aid convoys could stop as abruptly as they began.

Under ambitious development proposals drawn up by the four Nordic nations that signed the 1993 Barents co-operation agreement with Russia, this military stronghold in the isolated northwest of Russia could see greater Western investment than any other part of the country. Norway stands ready to pour in huge sums to modernise the decaying infrastructure and clean up the environment contaminated by industrial pollution and nuclear waste. In the Kremlin there has been a warm welcome for this promised bonanza. President Yeltsin is to visit Oslo next month to cement the new relationship. Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, is a deputy for Murmansk and his chances for re-election in December depend largely on how much world attention and investment he is able to channel here.

However, the city authorities, used to doing business in the old Soviet way, and local military commanders who control the bulk of the region's economy are intensely suspicious of this new turning to the West. At the top, all the talk is of how Russia will encourage regional co-operation; at lower levels there is popular resentment and a determination to take the Western money but keep Western business at bay.

Two cases in particular have come as a sobering insight into Russian attitudes and intentions. Last Christmas the Norwegian partners in a big joint venture in nearby Archangel returned from their holidays to find their offices locked and themselves barred from re-entry by the Russian side which had decided, arbitrarily, to assume full control. Resort to the courts was impossible: there is virtually no enforceable contract law in Russia.

The second case is equally alarming to potential investors. Statoil, the huge Norwegian petrol company, opened a 24-hour filling station on the main road into Murmansk and astonished locals with its cleanliness, service and efficiency. But local envy soon appeared. Having spent a huge sum clearing up an old garage that leaked "enough petrol into the ground to open an oil well", as a Norwegian remarked, Statoil was suddenly accused of pollution, breaking customs laws and not paying taxes. In 18 months of operation, it has incurred huge fines.

Lack of regulation and the chaotic tax laws are partly to blame. But the real reason appears to be the threat to local power structures and the Norwegian refusal to pay bribes. During contract negotiations, the Russian partners scorned proposals for a 24-hour service and suggested instead that Statoil should create an artificial shortage from time to time. This way the garage could offer backroom deals to preferential customers. The Norwegians refused. Local resentment is also increased by the prices of imported Western goods. With no conception of exchange rates and the high cost of strong Scandinavian currencies, Russians believe that imported goods are exorbitantly expensive because of Western exploitation or double-dealing with local mafia interests.

Plans for Nordic co-operation were still being made yesterday at the annual summit in northern Finland. But on the ground they may come to little. The outlook in Murmansk at present is as dreary as the climate.

Paris prosecutor drops case against lawbreaker Juppé

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ALAIN JUPPÉ, the French Prime Minister, broke the law when he rented a city-owned Paris flat at a reduced rent, but should not be formally charged, the capital's public prosecutor ruled yesterday.

After nearly two weeks of deliberating on corruption allegations that threatened to topple the Prime Minister, Bruno Cotte recommended that the case against M Juppé be closed, but only if he signed an undertaking to move out of his flat on Rue Jacob this year.

The housing scandal has dogged M Juppé for four months and the prosecutor's ruling will do little to improve his tarnished reputation.

M Juppé was Deputy Mayor of Paris in charge of finances in 1990 when he began renting the elegant flat in the Saint Germain des Prés district for 11,000 francs (£1,400) a month, at least a third less than the going rate. After reviewing evidence that M Juppé had direct authority over the allocation of city housing and the setting of rents, including his own, M Cotte concluded that he appeared to be guilty of a conflict of interest.

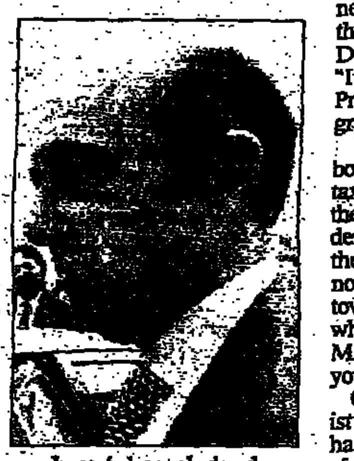
M Juppé declined to make any comment yesterday, but last Friday, in what was widely seen a pre-emptive move, he said he and his family would be moving out of the flat. Had M Cotte decided to go ahead with a formal judicial inquiry, M Juppé would have been left with virtually no option but resignation.

The Prime Minister was also the target of allegations that he used his influence as Deputy Mayor to reduce the rent on his son's flat, but M Cotte ruled in July that there was no case to answer since M Juppé had not profited directly from the rent reduction.

Word that M Juppé might escape prosecution began circulating in financial markets early yesterday, boosting the value of the franc which plummeted last week amid rumours of his impending resignation.

M Cotte yesterday issued a "a solemn warning to the City of Paris to ensure against a similar situation occurring in the future with other elected officials". M Juppé may also receive a "severe legal reprimand", Le Monde reported.

The affair may not end there, however, since the Paris taxpayers' association, which has spearheaded the allegations, may decide to pursue the case via an "administrative tribunal" to see if a prosecution can be lodged against M Juppé on behalf of the city. The ruling comes at the end of a bruising fortnight for the Prime Minister, who is under pressure from volatile financial markets, scepticism over his economic policies and negative opinion polls. On Tuesday, his Government faced its sternest challenge to date when a strike by public-sector workers brought much of France to a standstill.


Juppé: has pledged to move out of flat

The housing scandal has served to enhance suspicions that the Prime Minister is a politician of the old school who lacks the will to undertake wholesale reform of a system riddled with hidden perks.

The verdict was greeted as a vindication of M Juppé by his ministers and denounced as a fresh scandal by his opponents. "Justice has been done, the affair is closed," said Jean Debré, the Interior Minister. "I don't have the feeling the Prime Minister is on shaky ground."

However, Arnaud Montebourg, the lawyer for the Paris taxpayers' association, said the verdict provided a "clear demonstration that the law of the Republic of France does not seem equally rigorous towards all, depending on whether you are a Prime Minister or not, and whether you are powerful or weak".

Claude Bartolone, a Socialist MP, joked that the affair had given birth to a new form of jurisprudence, "Juppé Justice".

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New York skyscraper construction workers stop for lunch in this 1932 photograph, part of the Bettmann archive bought by Bill Gates

Microsoft chief buys pictures that made history

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ONE of the world's greatest photographic archives has been bought by Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft, in a multimillion pound deal. He intends to adapt its historic snapshots to a "pay per view" system for home computers.

The Bettmann Archive, started in the 1930s, contains millions of photographs, including some of the most memorable images of the 20th century. Among them is Einstein poking out his tongue, Marilyn Monroe having her skirt ventilated by a street grate, the Hindenburg coming to grief, and a vertiginous scene of skyscraper building: workers calmly lunching on a steel girder hundreds of feet above Manhattan.

These pictures, which some consider too precious to be subjected to commercial exploitation, have now become part of Mr Gates's expanding business realm. He has bought the archive through a private company, Corbis. However, computers are likely to play a part in the archive's development — it is envisaged that the collection will be placed on a software program, giving home computer users access to the pictures.

Corbis, in one swoop, becomes a significant player in the publishing world — other assets include electronic rights to art from the National Gallery in London, while a similar deal with Russia's Hermitage museum is expected soon.

The archive was founded in the 1930s by an immigrant, Otto Bettmann, who left Germany with two suitcases of photographs. Opening a picture library in New York, he built it into the biggest commercial operation of its kind in the world. In 1981 he sold up and retired to Florida where he lives to this day, playing his piano and taking snapshots on an elderly camera, an age away from the 21st century visions of Bill Gates.

Mr Bettmann, 92, yesterday pronounced himself "elated and rather thrilled", and intends to buy a computer on which to view his old photographs: "Mr Gates seems to have great artistic sensibilities," he said.

The secret to the archive's success, he said, was the filing system he designed to suit journalistic needs (and the cultural levels of picture editors): for instance, the Mona Lisa was filed not under Leonardo da Vinci, but under "smiling".

Gates: putting archive on home computers

Arson case judges confronted by 'dark world' of fatherland

FROM ROGER BOYES IN DÜSSELDORF

GERMAN judges tomorrow face their most sensitive ruling in decades. They must decide the fate of four young Germans accused of setting fire to a house in which five Turkish women and girls died — a tragedy that spawned fears of an unstoppable neo-Nazi revival in Germany.

Public opinion is divided. "The kids were set up and were too stupid to realise," said a middle-aged woman carrying cardboard boxes in and out of the courthouse. Nearly 300 witnesses and experts have been heard in the Solingen arson trial that has dragged on for a year and a half. And yet the evidence is far from conclusive, the confessions confused, police procedures open to doubt.

The prosecution's Achilles' heel may prove to be a 46-year-old chief inspector. Interrogating Christian Buchholz, one of the four youths, the officer screamed: "You are dead, dead, dead!" He threatened to put Herr Buchholz, a former skinhead, in a cell with violent and sexually abusive Turkish prisoners.

The first of the suspects to confess was Markus Gartman, 25, son of a Solingen steel worker. He told police that on the night of May 29, 1993, three of the accused — Herr Buchholz, Felix Koenen, then 16, and himself — had drunk a great deal and had been involved in a fight at a club. They were angry and were walking, shouting, through the streets of suburban Solingen when they met the fourth defendant, Christian Reher. Together they hatched a plot to set fire to the house of the Genc family. Herr Reher bought the petrol.

> ‘We fight shaved, our fists as hard as steel ... we are the strength that makes Germany clean’

The details of this confession merged well enough with the evidence gathered by the police, and for about 20 months it formed the basis of the prosecution case. Then Herr Gartman withdrew his confession, claiming it was made under police duress. The others started to deny their involvement. Then Herr Reher confessed, claiming to have set fire to the house alone. One of the accused says the police threatened to set him free — a particularly potent threat since the Turkish community was in the mood for revenge.

At the time of Solingen, three or four foreigners' houses were being set ablaze every week. "His world is very dark," said the court psychiatrist of Herr Reher. There is no doubt about that. In the park behind the Turkish house in Solingen, the youths used to strum a guitar and sing out the lyrics of far-right bands. One song began: "We fight shaved, our fists as hard as steel. Our heart beats true for our fatherland ... we are the strength that makes Germany clean."

Call for EU Coke ban over recipe

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

THE prospect of a Europe-wide ban on Coca-Cola was raised yesterday after the European Commission told a left-wing MEP that the makers were subject to rules requiring them to divulge their recipe.

Gerhard Schmid, from Bavaria, said it was scandalous that the American drink, as well as other products, were imported without their contents being declared for inspection. "If we are not allowed to know [the ingredients], then we have power to prohibit the imports," he said.

Herr Schmid said he was not pressing for the ingredients, which have been a trade secret since Coke was invented in the 19th century, to be carried on the label, but for inspectors to have access to the full recipe.

Saddam's palace chief joins growing band of defectors

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE master of ceremonies at President Saddam Hussein's palace in Baghdad has joined the growing number of defectors escaping from Iraq and has arrived in London.

Although the latest defector, so far unnamed, is not expected to be swept away by either MI6 or MI5 for deep debriefing, his arrival in Britain was described as another nail in Saddam's coffin. In August, Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan, a son-in-law of the Iraqi leader and a close adviser, defected to Jordan.

He disclosed to the CIA that Saddam was much closer to producing a nuclear bomb than had been thought previously and that the Iraqi leader had billions of dollars hidden in foreign bank accounts.

Yesterday, the Supreme Council for Islamic Resistance in Iraq said the latest defector, a man in his 40s, was closely acquainted with General Hussein Kamel. A spokesman for the Iraqi resistance group said that the defector had an important role in Saddam's private office and would have much to reveal. He added that the man had arrived in London two days ago, although it was not disclosed when he left Iraq.

The Foreign Office said it was aware of the Iraqi's arrival and would in due course be in touch with him.

As master of ceremonies, or head of protocol, at Saddam's palace, the defector is not regarded by Britain's intelligence agencies as a prime catch. However, the spokesman for the Iraqi resistance said the defector had also worked for the Foreign Ministry as a diplomatic attaché and had been consul-general in several European countries.

The defector came to Britain through his own travel arrangements. A Foreign Office official said there had been no request for asylum, although if one was made it would be considered in the normal way.

The defector is due to make his first public appearance in London today when he will hold a press conference to talk about the Iraqi regime.

☐ **Baghdad:** Millions of Iraqi schoolchildren voted yesterday for Saddam as President for another seven-year term in an exercise before Sunday's first presidential referendum, being trumpeted as a show of Iraqi democracy. Banners in streets, squares and hotels are urging the electorate to vote for Saddam, 58, who is the only candidate; he has held the office since 1979. Until now, the President has been appointed by the Revolutionary Command Council, Iraq's highest authority. *(Reuter)*

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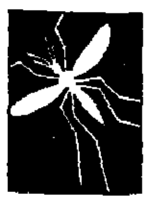


TRAVELLERS to the Far East, South America and the Caribbean, with, it is claimed, the exception of Cuba, may find that the price they pay this winter for some sunshine is a dose of dengue fever.

Dengue fever is a disease whose official name as well as its Victorian nickname (breakbone fever), conjures up a vision of empire traders and the British Raj.

It is, however, still very much with us and this year there have been big increases in the number of cases in the Caribbean and the Far East. In both regions dengue is endemic. It also occurs in parts of West Africa.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, the term dengue fever was used loosely to describe the symptoms of many different tropical diseases. As medicine improved — and particularly after virology became established — the diagnosis of dengue was confined to a specific infection caused by a flavivirus which is transmitted by mosquitoes.

There are four main groups of the virus, so people can have dengue fever several times in a short space of time. The immunity acquired by an attack very soon wears off.

In a classical case of dengue the patient develops a fever about a week after being bitten by a mosquito. These mosquitos are day-biting insects, unlike those which transmit malaria. The person initially suffers a high temperature, severe headache, particularly behind the eyes, and the crippling aches and pains which gave rise to the term "breakbone fever". Dengue fever attacks in two waves: after two or three days the patient feels rather better, only to relapse again within 48 hours with an even higher temperature and a rash which is sometimes associated with bleeding into the skin.

A severe form of the disease, dengue haemorrhagic fever, is also found, particularly in the Far East. In such cases the bleeding occurs not only in the skin but also affects other organs and can be so severe as to cause shock, collapse and, in the case of young children, even death.

Surprisingly, those children who catch dengue haemorrhagic fever are almost always from indigenous groups — travellers from other lands do not appear to be affected.

Visitors, or European residents, do get classical dengue fever, however. Comparatively recently I saw a British resident in Malaysia who had spent his whole life working in the Far East, much of it in the Gurkha Regiment, without acquiring immunity.

Although the acute symptoms had disappeared by the time he came to London, he was still feeling generally unwell and was therefore most relieved to find that he was not unique and that the standard textbook described convalescence after dengue fever as being protracted.

There is no vaccination against dengue fever and no special treatment for it once it has been caught. Each symptom has to be dealt with as it occurs but aspirin, because of its anti-clotting powers, has to be avoided unless any bleeding tendency is made worse. Bed rest is always recommended.

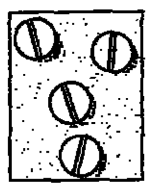
Flu jabs

THIS is the time of the year when people whose lives may depend on protection against flu need their annual injection. There is evidence that the longer a patient has been having jabs, the greater the protection provided. This year's vaccine is once again composed of two strains of type A flu, and one of type B. Two of the three strains are only slightly different from those used last year.

The annual death rate from flu in England and Wales is usually about 4,000, but in epidemic years it can rise to 30,000. Inoculation is advised for those groups most at risk — patients with heart and respiratory disease, including asthma, kidney troubles and those who are immuno-compromised or have diabetes. Elderly or otherwise frail people are at greater risk and all those who live in old people's homes, or similar institutions, should be inoculated. Complete protection is usually estimated to be about 70 per cent, but even those who catch flu despite the vaccination suffer less badly.

Flu injections are not recommended for young people but research published recently in the *New England Journal of Medicine* suggests this may be a false economy. A very detailed trial involving younger working people showed that those who had a flu jab had 25 per cent fewer illnesses of the upper respiratory tract, had 43 per cent less time off work and made 44 per cent fewer visits to their doctor.

Drug search



A BATTLE is being waged in the pharmaceutical industry for the opportunity to treat rheumatism without endangering general health.

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) have revolutionised rheumatology. They make life bearable for patients with acutely inflamed joints, but often at the cost of severe gastro-intestinal upsets, including haemorrhage, and are associated with more than 2,000 deaths a year in Britain. The casualty rate from NSAIDs is as high as that caused by cancer of the cervix or asthma, and it is only just under half that of the annual toll on the roads.

The chance of sustaining a major gastro-intestinal complication from NSAID treatment starts almost immediately after swallowing the first pill, although a fatal outcome usually depends on the patient's age. The death rate would be virtually halved if misoprostol was always prescribed with the NSAID. There is one drug available, Arthrotec, which combines misoprostol with an NSAID, diclofenic.

Research to find new treatments which spare the gut is in its infancy but some drugs already show an ability to reduce joint inflammation without being as damaging as might be expected. Even more beneficial drugs are being investigated but they are not yet available.

Should you force a girl to feed?

Treatment for anorexia nervosa is changing, says **Dr Trisha Greenhalgh**

Sabina has had anorexia nervosa for seven years. Five years ago, after months of extreme dieting, vomiting, and laxative abuse had caused life-threatening weight loss, she was admitted to an adolescent psychiatry unit for compulsory treatment. During the lengthy hospital stay, all privileges, including contact with other patients, books, physical exercise and use of the telephone, were initially withdrawn, and restored gradually as she neared her "target" weight (the average weight of healthy girls her height).

Long hours shut in a cubicle-sized bedroom with only the walls and a commode to look at were intended to focus Sabina's mind on the task of getting better. The craving for basic liberties, such as being allowed to walk to the toilet, were used as a crude incentive for appropriate behavioural change — in this case, eating three square meals a day without being sick afterwards.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal* recently, Sabina recalls having to shout for a nurse to push her to the telephone on the commode, which was used as a makeshift wheelchair to prevent patients gaining even a few yards of exercise. But, "if the commode had not been emptied recently the contents would splash on to your feet, adding an extreme feeling of revulsion to the degradation and shame already being experienced".

Such draconian regimes, which seem to require the calculated neglect by doctors of patients' privacy and self-esteem, were widely followed a decade ago. They were based on the theory of operant conditioning developed from Pavlov's famous observations on dogs and pigeons, whose behaviour could be "shaped" depending on the rewards or punishments which followed a particular action. But young women are not Pavlovian dogs. Sabina feels that the doctors treating her five years ago were wrapped up in an inflexible stereotype of the "typical anorexic" — immature, self-absorbed, manipulative, and from a disturbed and unsupportive family.

In fact, while emotional problems are common in the families of children with eating disorders, some of these are the result of the illness rather than its underlying cause. Parents who claim that their anorexic daughters are impossible to live with are at last being heeded. After all, a relaxed approach to meal times is virtually unachievable when a skeletally thin teenager spends an hour cutting up an apple and then locks herself in the bathroom to vomit it back.

In an attempt to cure their daughters or keep them out of harm, mothers can become overprotective and fathers domineering. Siblings frequently lose patience and find that a previously close relationship with their sister has become distant. The pressure to achieve academic, sporting or artistic success, commonly present in anorexia and generally blamed on pushy parents or a high-achieving sibling, may in fact arise from the girl's own personality. Most parents would gladly trade a drop in their child's GCSE grades for a resumption of normal eating habits.

In Sabina's earlier experience, a well-meaning therapist persuaded her that her caring, close-knit family had contributed to her illness, thus undermining an important source of support. Looking back, she writes: "I feel angry at being persuaded to believe such unhelpful, complicated nonsense at a time when I was vulnerable and begging for help. The most hurtful part of the treatment was the fact that I was stripped of all my better points along with what was perceived to be the problem."

Now aged 20, Sabina is an in-patient in the Russell Unit of the Royal Free Hospital in London, where a quite different programme for recovery is tailor-made for each patient. Professor Tony Wakeling, the unit's director, believes that professionals should work with the anorexic patient, not against her, and that weight gain should not be used as the sole criterion of success. "If you produce rapid weight gain in a person for whom body image is already a problem, you are probably kidding yourself that you've cured her. The person will go out of hospital feeling as bad as when she went in but with a bigger body," he says.

At the Russell Unit, a team of psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers help patients to identify specific problems and anxieties, set treatment goals, recognise and build on their personality strengths, and enhance positive aspects of family relationships.

The patient's "ownership" of the recovery plan is seen as vital to success, and success is measured not merely in terms of ounces of weight gained but by factors such as self-esteem, confidence, and ability to function independently at home, at work and in personal relationships.

Professor Wakeling warns, however, that the gentle approach is not appropriate in every case. "A severely malnourished individual may not be able to think rationally or make sensible choices about her treatment. There are still instances where it is proper for the doctor to take a controlling role."

This view is echoed by Dr Janice Russell, an Australian psychiatrist specialising in anorexia, who wrote in the same issue of the *BMJ*: "Most of us can recall a patient treated coercively who made a full recovery and later sincerely thanked us for doing what was experienced at the time as totally reprehensible."

According to Dr Mark Berelowitz, consultant child psychiatrist at the Royal Free Hospital, the treatment Sabina describes in the adolescent unit would probably be illegal today. "Since the Children Act came into force, we can't make children wear pyjamas all day against their will and follow dehumanising regimes, claiming it is part of their treatment. In any case, we wouldn't ever want to treat our patients like that. In my unit, we try to involve patients in their care as much as possible, even when they are under age. But every psychiatrist would be able to give you examples of wondering just how far they should press a girl to eat when she is dangerously underweight and persists in refusing all food except carrots and celery."

Though she is not yet cured of her illness, Sabina feels that she is finally on the road to recovery. Comparing her two experiences, she likens the earlier one to having all her teeth removed and replaced with an ill-fitting set of dentures. Her current treatment, she feels, is more like having each tooth examined carefully with the aim of preserving the good ones while stopping the decay to the bad.

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The patient's full co-operation in treatment is more important than rapid weight gain

Calling up the global clinic

Jeremy Laurance on a new 24-hour medical helpline

A telephone healthline with a difference will be launched next month. It will be the first to offer round-the-clock information on health problems from trained advisers. From November 1, subscribers to PPP, the private health company, will have access to a freephone number where they will be able to seek professional advice on how to settle a crying baby, the side effects of a drug, or the implications of a diagnosis.

There are already telephone health lines that deliver recorded information in disembodied voices on a range of topics from acne to yellow fever. But none of them offers personal advice available at any hour of the day or night.

The service, with a staff of 18 working in shifts, will fill a gap between the family doctor, who is too busy to deal with minor queries, and the friend, neighbour or relative who lacks adequate medical expertise. It marks a further step towards the global electronic clinic in which patients will obtain the information they need to look after their health without leaving home.

The service is aimed at the parent, unable to settle a crying infant at 2am, who is guiltily wondering whether the problem is serious enough to phone the doctor. Or the patient, just diagnosed as diabetic, to whom half a dozen questions occur after he has left the surgery. It will also help patients prescribed drugs who are worried about how they will react with food, drink or other drugs.

It will offer information, not diagnosis, which "is the responsibility of the patient's GP", according to PPP. Callers will be sent fact sheets on their condition, details of local and national support groups, and given help with finding a local doctor or chemist. A few days later they will receive a follow-up call to check all is well.

The service is based on the three-year-old healthline run in Australia by the company MBF, which is launching the British version for PPP.

The healthline will be staffed by nurses, midwives, health visitors and pharmacists — but not doctors. Because it is not offering telephone diagnosis, doctors are not considered necessary. However, part-time doctors will be on call and information given out will be vetted by a panel from the Royal College of General Practitioners.

> 'We will answer any question, day or night'

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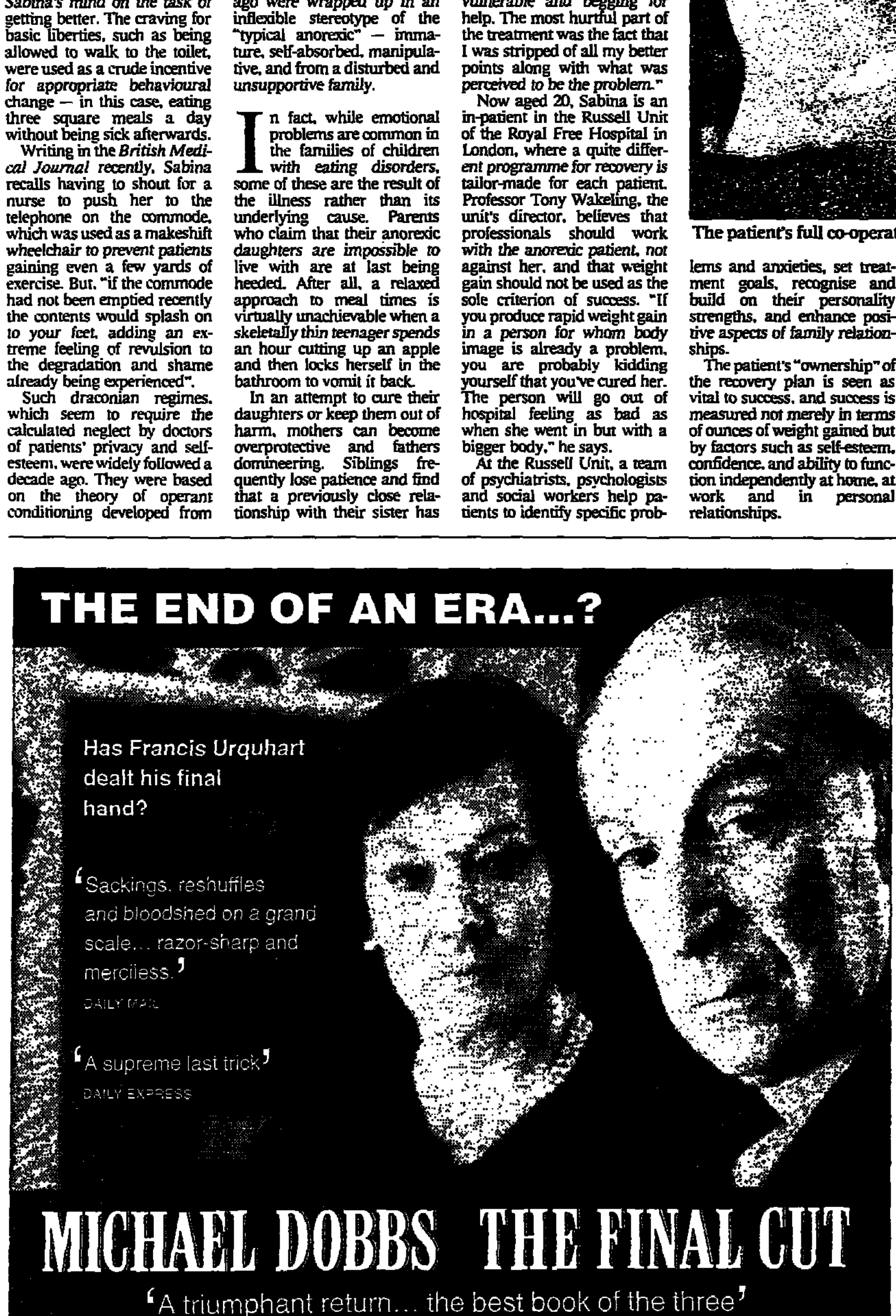
In Australia, a third of the calls come from parents worried about their babies — nearly all of them at night. The remainder come from patients who have been given a diagnosis or told they need an operation and are unsure what is involved. Some callers phone because they are unsure how to react to news of a friend's or relative's illness and want to know how serious it is. Others want to be put in touch with fellow sufferers with whom they can share experiences.

The new service, announced this week, is part of PPP's drive to increase its share of the private health market, which is now 27 per cent — Bupa's is 45 per cent. Peter Owen, the PPP chief executive, said: "Customers want a healthcare service, on call when they want it, not just cover for when they fall ill. Everybody at some stage needs information on health. Our aim is to be there to answer any question, day or night, and to reassure and inform at times when there may be no one else to call."



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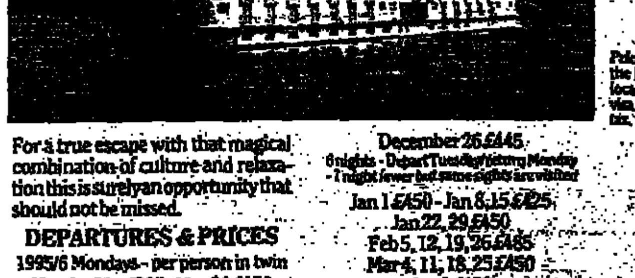

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Classic example: Paul Gambaccini is an Oxford graduate and a classical pianist — the perfect profile for the position of Radio 3 presenter

Giles Coren meets Paul Gambaccini, the American whose radio programme has provoked listeners' fury

Can there be anywhere in the world where change is less welcome, as a simple matter of principle, than among BBC radio listeners? *Radio is the most personal of* media; in its hoary old age it has the most committed of fans, and it is a brave man who tries to meddle with programming. Particularly on Radio 3, guardian of the nation's classical music tastes, and bulwark against the onslaught of electrically amplified philistinism.

So it is not surprising that the arrival of Paul Gambaccini, once the youngest DJ on Radio 1, in the morning nine-till-ten slot has caused uproar. *Composer of the Week* has been shunted to 12 o'clock, *enough in itself to cause* righteous indignation in middle England. But the real outcry has been less about the intrusion of *Morning Collection* than about the man who presents it. After the first show on Monday, Gillian Reynolds wrote in *The Daily Telegraph* that she was considering warning the postman (for outraged radio-hounds are inveterate letter writers). And Anne Karpf has railed to all who will listen, in *The Guardian* and on Radio 4's *Today* programme, that Mr Gambaccini signals the arrival of "Radio 2½".

Gambaccini's crimes are manifold, it seems. First of all *he is American, which is not* suitable at all. Then he is a *purrer, not an announcer. His* voice is too treacly and smooth for the serious business of introducing music played on wood, string and brass. And then, of course, *he is a* defector from Classic FM, the channel for people who do not already know their Bach from their Berio. The fear is that he will play only snippets, remind us constantly of the time, and *trivialise the deeper purpose* with low-brow chat.

But the first broadcasts have not borne this out. We've had full sonatas, not just movements, and the man the tabloids call Gambo already sounds strangely right for Radio 3.

"I *don't* know what they were afraid of," he told me, *hanging up his headphones* after yesterday's broadcast at the independent company in Soho which makes the programme. "Did they think I *would be giving away free* kitchens and playing Mr Blobby?" Yes, I think they probably did.

But Gambaccini is no mid-Atlantic Jimmy Savile. He is an Oxford graduate and a *classical pianist, the perfect* profile for the position.

"*I learnt classical music as* a boy. I go to a lot of concerts, and I have a Steinway at home. Whenever I can I go to it and achieve catharsis — there's a good Radio 3 word. Until now, it just didn't come into my work. Just as I was a *pitcher for* the Regent's Park softball team *for 15 years, but that never* came into my work either."

"Having been a history major, I have a sense of my historical role. I am the *Rock Around the Clock* of Radio 3. I shake things up and people get upset. The form is never the same. And five years later *everybody looks back and* thinks that things could never have been different, and they wonder what all the fuss was about."

Certainly, the set-up for *Morning Collection* defies some of the beliefs listeners have long held about where classical music programmes come from. The studio is in trendy Soho, not old Broadcasting House. Gambaccini wears an open-neck casual *shirt over a T-shirt. There is* not a tie or tweed jacket in the place.

"Even before it went out previews were attacking the idea of the programme. Not the programme itself, or the content, or the presentation, but the *concept*. It was like the worst theatre review I ever read, which said *Evita* was bad *because it was a musical* about a fascist dictator."

> 'Did they think I'd give away kitchens or play Mr Blobby?'

"I have been on enough channels to know that you work to a brief. I don't come on to Radio 3 and present as I did on Radio 1 or Classic FM, or as I do on GMTV. I hope there are recognisable signs that I am the same human being, but you fit the clothes to the body."

It has been a source of comment that, as the 46-year-old *Gambaccini moved to* Radio 3, the 70-year-old Richard Baker travelled the other way, to Classic FM. Fears abound that the two stations will become identical.

"I am not going to bring the same things to Radio 3 that I did to Classic FM," Gambaccini *insists*. "They are two very different operations. At Classic FM, *I was doing a* chart show. I was introducing fast presentation to classical music, because that is what a chart show does. You have to use word economy to keep the momentum going. Here I play *longer pieces, and the links* are longer, so the shows are semi-scripted... *As for* Richard Baker, I am flattered to have been replaced by an older man ... I may yet have a future at Classic FM."

One of the unfamiliar *features of Morning Collection*, as *far as Radio 3 regulars* are concerned, is the level of personal input. Gambaccini not only tells stories about previous performances and biographical anecdotes about composers, but talks about *what the pieces mean to him.*

"If I'm going to make people *feel that the music is relevant* to their lives, I have to show *how it is relevant to mine.* There is a wider world out there. Some people think classical music should be presented in a bell-jar to be admired. But the listening public now is not interested in admiring, *they want to be involved.* There are too many choices now. And they won't choose channels that look down at them."

Nicholas Kenyon, Radio 3 controller, agrees: "We *needed something* more welcoming at *that time, to open* the station up to listeners. The problem with *Composer of the Week* is that listeners don't know what to expect. And that morning slot is crucial now for *attracting the floating audience.* If they tune in at 9.30 and the week's composer *is someone* they don't much fancy, we lose them. That is why it has moved to 12 o'clock. And we are looking for a repeat slot too, for listeners who miss it because they are at work.

"Radio 3 has been changing for 49 years, and this is just a *bigger change. The next thing* I am hoping for is 24-hour *broadcasting. The music audience* is more open-minded than it once was. People will listen to jazz, pop, rock, and they will listen to classical music as long as they are not put off by a 'keep off the grass' attitude. Paul's show offers a way into the network."

And it is Gambaccini's eclecticism, as well as his own *history, that makes him such* an ideal doorman. "I was *fortunate to be able to do* something else when the rock era ended. In broadcasting, as in nature, you either evolve or become extinct. And that is as true for Radio 3 as for individual broadcasters. One thing the evolution of broadcasting has shown us is that things *never* go back. My arrival indicates, in part, the end of a *world I used to love, too. They* are right to be angry. It'll never come back."

Martin Fletcher on Newt's wayward sister

He gave me a pair of pink leg warmers

Candace Gingrich, 29-year-old kid sister of America's pre-eminent conservative politician, is addressing a crowd of gays *and lesbians in a small* Chicago church. She has a pudding-bowl haircut and no make-up. She wears a man's check shirt, baggy trousers and heavy lace-up shoes. On a front bench two women *snuggle together*, one breast-feeding the baby they are *raising. Somebody* asks Candace about her relationship with Newt and she recounts how, when she was 14 and already "the biggest tomboy in the world", he sent her a pair of pink leg warmers for Christmas. Gales of laughter.

That was not the last time Newt misjudged this strong-willed *girl 23 years his junior.* Last November he was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and America's *de facto* shadow president. But in winning power for himself he scarcely realised how he was also empowering his lesbian sister, the swiftly-discovered "counter-culture" skeleton in the Speaker's closet.

Newt was the religious right's pin-up boy. Candace quickly became the poster child of American homosexuality. With his name she could command national attention. Exploiting his fame, she was able to promote a *cause diametrically opposed* to everything he stands for. While Newt launched the "Republican Revolution", Candace began campaigning for a "coming out revolution". He promises to "restore American civilisation" and preaches traditional *family values. She seeks to* educate America about homosexuality. Gays and lesbians are part of the American family, she argues. Just look at the Gingrichs.

In her public appearances, Candace is openly critical of her brother, who has compared *homosexuality to* alcoholism, suggested it is something to be tolerated but certainly not condoned, and accused homosexuals of recruiting in schools.

She says she loves Newt as a brother, but not as a politician. She regrets he is Speaker. She would actively oppose him if he ran for *President because he treats* homosexuals as second-class citizens, and deplores the "inaccurate and hurtful" things he says about them.

Candace is in fact Newt's half-sister, sharing the same mother. *When she was born,* in Pennsylvania, Newt was *already married and* teaching in Georgia. As she grew up, they met only at family gatherings. She began playing rugby at university, found several of the team were lesbians, and for the first time acknowledged she was too.

Candace Gingrich

Her mother found out *when she discovered a lesbian* newsletter in her daughter's bedroom. Mrs Gingrich told Newt, but he and Candace have never discussed the subject, even when Candace brought partners to family dinners.

Newt was by then a rising Republican congressman, Candace a staunch liberal *Democrat. But she refrained* from gay activism because "I knew my family would have been pretty ticked off if I led parades or chained myself to the White House railings".

That all changed after Newt became Speaker. "I knew somewhere down the *line the question of my* sexuality would come up," Candace says. "*I could not have been happier. It finally* gave me the freedom to say and talk about things that really concerned me."

For the Human Rights *Campaign Fund*, America's largest gay organisation, Candace was almost too good to be true. It swiftly recruited her and launched her on a six-month national tour to show America "the face of a lesbian" and campaign against continuing *workplace discrimination.*

She claims to have been warmly received despite America's angry new conservatism. The evidence last week in Chicago — her 49th city — was mixed. After a radio talkshow appearance, one studio employee thanked *her for what she was doing.* Then during a television call-*in show she was furiously* attacked for "using your brother's position to spread your sick beliefs".

The American media have been attentive and kind. Candace has been flatteringly profiled in *The New York Times* and *George*, the magazine launched last month by President Kennedy's son, *John. In August, Esquire* magazine chose her, along with Elizabeth Hurley and Cindy Crawford, as one of 20 "Women We Love".

Her tour culminated yesterday in a rally to mark "National Coming Out Day" on the steps of the Capitol, and she has signed a contract for a book, tentatively titled *Family Matters*, in which she promises to tell of her brother's "path from an eccentric libertarian to an arch-conservative closely aligned with hard-right, anti-gay campaigners".

She insists Newt is not *really homophobic,* pointing out that Steve Gunderson, a gay congressman, is one of his closest friends. She says Newt's stance is dictated by the religious right because, in politics, "you dance with thems that brung you".

Candace likes to recall how Barry Goldwater, a former conservative icon, became one of the gay community's biggest champions after discovering his grandson was homosexual. Unfortunately, he was no longer a senator by then. She fears Newt, despite *his sister, is also destined to* remain fiercely anti-gay until *he leaves office.*

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William Waldegrave may or may not have threatened Mrs Bottomley's right to government money for the arts. Seeing those huge sums pouring in from the Lottery, bright sparks in the Treasury may or may not have thought of pushing the whole of arts subsidy onto that gravy train. Not only, they may or may not have thought, would this be a tidy sum saved for tax cuts, but it could also be an escape from the ticklish question of whether government should be paying for artistic activity at all. And that is a question which many Conservative MPs are all too ready to ask.

The chances are that this kerfuffle is largely mythical. William Waldegrave, being one of the least philistine Tories, is not likely to want to turn Covent Garden and the National Theatre out into the hard cold world of Lottery fund competition. And would the Treasury really be licking its lips at the thought of saving the relatively tiny amounts that central government spends on cultural institutions, especially when they probably earn in tourist revenue more than is spent on them?

If this brouhaha is indeed fanciful, then it may be — as Picasso said of art itself — the lie that reveals the truth. Conservatives are not, on the whole, comfortable with the idea of government as patron. Some of them hold to a conscientious libertarian view. They feel, quite rightly, that there may be something sinister in the very idea of state-sponsored culture. It has echoes of totalitarianism of both the Left and the Right: the most recent associations are with Soviet painting and Chinese state opera companies. Artistic creativity is an expression of individual imagination, and any interference by bureaucratic authority can only diminish it. This is an argument that is difficult to dismiss, particularly given the cronyism to which the Arts Council has been prone.

One way to answer this objection would be to distinguish between supporting individual creative artists and companies. It has been grants to particular people — painters, writers, composers — which have proved most susceptible to corruption and favouritism in the past.

The solution to this has not been altogether successful. By giving money to venues — galleries and theatres — rather than to artists themselves, the Arts Council hoped to avoid that game of pass the parcel that had caused them so much embarrassment. Now the arts companies themselves simply hand the money on to their favoured acolytes. When helping living artists, governments must tread cautiously indeed. Official taste is fatal to artistic life, whether it is imposed by armed apparatchiks or by a self-satisfied clique of the fashionably like-minded.

Much easier to contend with is the Tory thug who sees no case for subsidising what he sees as "a minority interest". In its most sympathetic — or least unattractive — guise, this view presents itself as defending the interest of the poor. What subsidy for the arts amounts to is taking money from all taxpayers (including those who never set foot in a museum or a theatre, let alone the Royal Opera House) to help to pay for the leisure activities of the privileged classes. And why, they ask, should we subsidise snobbish entertainments such as opera when we don't subsidise proletarian ones such as football?

Quite apart from the patronising assumption that most ordinary people are permanently immune to culture, however inexpensive it might be made by subsidy (free, in the case of most museums), there is an odd anomaly in this argument. Taken to its logical conclusion, it would undermine any kind of taxation in a democratic society. What is the difference between claiming that people should not have to pay for the arts if they never use them and saying that they should not have to support the school system if they are childless, or pay for road-building if they have no car?

The way we collect and spend taxes is not based on the same principle as paying for private services. If the country decides that it believes certain things, whether universal schooling or the preservation of its cultural heritage, to be for the good of the nation as a whole, it does not require that every single taxpayer partake of those good things.

Paying individual artists invites favouritism

So why is art a good thing? Why is it so important that Covent Garden be given millions of pounds of our money, even though so few of us go to the opera, when the thousands of people who prefer to play golf have to pay for it themselves? Why should my pastime be more worthy than yours?

John Stuart Mill was compelled to modify the simplistic utilitarian principle that good consisted in "the greatest happiness of the greatest number", because it implied that all pleasures were equal: that pushpin was as good as poetry. The arts are not just an eccentric kind of hobby.

As I have written before when defending art against philistines from within, what the arts offer us is a way both of making sense of our condition and of transcending it. They are, in the end, what makes us human rather than bestial.

Grow up, Mr Portillo

Escaping the poison treaty is not the same as vulgar Euro-bashing

William Rees-Mogg

The Treaty of Maastricht has been the poison pill of Europe. Good Europeans, those of us who want Europe to be a co-operative and competitive economic region, saw from the beginning that the treaty was irrelevant to Europe's real problems, but bound to damage what had already been achieved.

We saw that Maastricht would tend to make the European system unpopular in every country, even in Germany, where it would destroy Europe's strongest currency. We saw that Maastricht's federal rhetoric would alarm nations determined to preserve their independence. We saw that the convergence criteria could not be met by several countries, including Italy, Spain and Belgium, and could only be met in France herself at a high cost in long-term unemployment. We saw that the single currency would either never happen, in which case it would be a gratuitous defeat for European policy, or would prove a catastrophe. We saw that European competitiveness in the new world of Asian power and advanced technology would be reduced rather than increased.

This week has provided further developments in the story of the Maastricht disaster. Much the most alarming came from France. Almost everything that is wrong with France can be traced either to Maastricht, or to the European bureaucratisation of which the treaty is so powerful a symbol. Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, now seems to be doomed: he is typical of those disastrous French politicians who have emerged from the bureaucratic élite.

M Juppé has been weakened by the scandal of the Paris apartments. The French bureaucratic system featherbeds its own people, always in terms of jobs and sometimes in terms of other benefits. M Juppé's real trouble is that the French political class had committed itself to the Maastricht deal in pursuit of its own interests. The price that has had to be paid has been an over-valued franc, high unemployment, unnecessarily high interest rates and low long-term economic growth. That price is paid by the French people, who do not like it. They are angry, so they go on strike. If Alain Juppé survives, their anger may well lead them to vote for the extreme Right of M Le Pen. There is now a real danger of France swinging towards the fascist Right.

The benefit of this policy, if it can be called a benefit, would go to the bureaucracy. They hope that they, the Enarchs — graduates of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration — will be able to control Europe's financial policy, that they will largely inherit the power of the Bundesbank. The whole of this policy is now on the point of collapse. The exchange market has lost confidence in the franc. The French have lost confidence in their Prime Minister, and perhaps in their President as well. The public-sector strikers have demonstrated their power, as they did in Britain in 1979. This may cause a complacent smile to cross the face of the British. After all, the French were the prime authors of the Maastricht treaty. We cannot, however, afford such a superficial reaction. What is bad for France is bad for France's neighbours as well. Britain has an interest in stable French politics and a strong French economy, just as France has a similar interest in Britain.

The long-term consequences of Maastricht were also evident in Britain this week. What did those good Europeans who were against Maastricht forecast? We said that the combination of the treaty and the European exchange-rate mechanism would make the Conservative Government very unpopular. It certainly did that. We said that Maastricht would in the end make the Conservative Party turn against these ideas of Europe. Many of us suspected that Maastricht would first of all turn the Tories out, and then very possibly bring them back in again as a nationalist party of the Right. Blackpool has shown that there are two significantly different Tory reactions, but that both of them are anti-Maastricht.

At their conference the Conservatives have indeed turned decisively against the Maastricht project, as we had predicted. Two speeches on Tuesday made entirely valid points. John Redwood was right when he argued that "monetary union would break Europe assunder", that the single currency proposal is setting country against country and causing untold economic pain in the economies of Europe. Malcolm Rifkind was right to argue that the attitude to Europe will be the fault line of the next general election: he supported the promising idea of a single market covering Europe and the North Atlantic Free Trade Area (Nafta) — "a new Atlantic community". However, Leon Brittan is also right when he warns that British support for such an Atlantic community, which he has himself advocated, would be discounted if it were thought to be merely an anti-European manoeuvre.

The good Europeans who opposed Maastricht — and only the less far-sighted Europeans ever supported the poison treaty — believed from the beginning that the Tories would come to this anti-Maastricht position. The only question was how long it would take them. In the end the Labour Party will probably find itself following the same policy. The Redwood-Rifkind alignment is therefore entirely welcome.

But we also knew that there was bound to be a negative side to this movement of opinion. There would inevitably be people who would use the occasion to attack the idea of the European Community itself, in its useful as well as in its damaging manifestations.

One has to contrast the thoughtful and discriminating speeches of Rifkind and Redwood with the rabble-rousing speech of Michael Portillo; they won the informed assent, even if he won the applause. John Redwood's position is that "it is time for Britain to be a good European" by exercising our influence on Europe in the right way. But Portillo's speech made Brussels — which has indeed many faults — the object of a knockabout political attack such as Michael Heseltine used to make against the Labour Party. His was not a statesmanlike speech; it was very immature for a senior Cabinet minister. His speech is likely to make it more difficult for Britain to exercise the influence on European policy which Redwood and Rifkind are hoping to develop. Michael Portillo was the darling of the conference, often a dangerous thing to be, but he will now have to live down his speech.

Michael Portillo's aggressive rhetoric makes it necessary to consider what the dominant trend in Conservative thinking really is. Many or most Conservatives now believe that Maastricht was "a treaty too far" — even Jacques Delors seems to think that now — and that the single currency is a dodo, a bird that cannot fly and is about to become extinct. Yet these same Conservatives believe in European co-operation; they think that the growing Asian market can best be balanced by developing the largest possible single market in Europe, and perhaps with American countries of broadly similar industrial development. That might eventually lead to a Euro-Nafta with a population roughly equal to that of China.

British Conservatives believe in national independence, open markets, deregulation and competition. They are therefore supportive of the single market in Europe, even if they are critical of its bureaucratic regulations. They do not at all want to break up the European Union, though they are certainly globalist rather than Euro-nationalist in their views. They find more sympathy for these ideas among individual European citizens, who often share them, than among European officials, who seem to fear that such a policy would dilute their own power. Many Conservatives are therefore already in line with the thinking of Redwood and Rifkind, but find that Michael Portillo's rhetoric jars on them. They do not wish to be gratuitously offensive to their European allies, but want an open rather than a closed Europe.

Fortunately, the failure of the Maastricht treaty will bring benefits to almost everyone. Germany will keep its mark and the Bundesbank, two incomparable German assets. France will be able to adopt an anti-unemployment policy. Britain will be reassured about the issues of sovereignty. Italy will avoid being bankrupted by converting her vast national debt into a much harder currency. Europe will survive the process of backing out of the Maastricht *cul de sac*. So will the Conservative Party.

A step in the Balkan quicksand

Jonathan Eyal on the need for a wider settlement

If the West gets the negotiations for a ceasefire in Bosnia right, the Balkans may look forward to a period of stability. But one mistake could result in more than a simple resumption of hostilities: it could lead to the unravelling of Nato.

All Western leaders are aware of the pitfalls. But the problem is that no great power has firm control of the the local players. A durable solution to the Balkans requires a long-term commitment, which neither the West Europeans nor the Americans are willing to contemplate.

At least on paper, the current arrangements look good. Freezing the present battle lines will be followed by peace negotiations, and once a deal is reached an international force will be introduced. At long last, Western soldiers will have a clear mission. More importantly, the effort will be fully supported by America, and largely controlled by Nato, the familiar formula which has successfully underpinned Europe's security for decades.

Richard Holbrooke, the chief American negotiator, should win Greenpeace's top recycling prize: his current deal rests on ideas which have been touted about the Balkans for years. According to the peace plan, Bosnia's original frontiers will be preserved, while the republic's ethnic groups will be allowed special relationships with Croatia and Serbia. A constitutional agreement has duly been produced to put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

Constitutions have not solved any historical problem in the Balkans: they are traditionally written to legitimise the status quo, rather than to impose a settlement. The Muslims accepted the deal because they hope that the West, and particularly the Americans, will be committed to restoring their control over most of Bosnia, while the Serbs and Croats accepted it because they suspect that nothing of the kind will happen. In years to come, Bosnia's constitutional arrangements will only ever be read by academics writing doctoral theses.

The very best that an international military force can achieve in Bosnia is to divide the republic in practice, while maintaining the country's unity in theory.

The Muslims will insist on the unity of Sarajevo. They will also demand a corridor connecting central Bosnia with the Gorazde enclave. Sensibly, Nato has refused to contemplate anything more than opening a road to Gorazde for international forces and "non-military" convoys. But the essence of any ethnic war is that no clear division between the military and the civilian exists, and the Muslims will have every incentive to test the road procedures to destruction. Nato plans to flood Bosnia with soldiers so as to confine such incidents to the local level. This puts a premium on political coordination between America and Europe.

Representatives from the countries contributing forces will be expected to liaise permanently. Yet the Bosnian operation will take place during an American election year, and Europeans will be unable to influence Washington when American lives and votes are at stake. Little can be done before Washington itself decides what it wants. Some officials are still keen on arming the Muslims; others advocate precisely the opposite: regional disarmament.

Three things remain certain. Neither the beginning of Nato's operation nor its duration can be predicted. Secondly, President Clinton will have an incentive to blame the Europeans for any failure. And thirdly, Bosnia is yesterday's problem: a durable peace now depends on the region's other states.

The Europeans and the Americans have agreed that a massive programme of aid to the republics of the former Yugoslavia should be launched. But what about Romania, Bulgaria, Albania and Greece, countries which have sustained massive losses as a result of the UN's economic embargo on Serbia? Peace depends on them, but the West offers them little more than polite encouragement.

America has succeeded in brokering a deal between Greece and Macedonia — a feat beyond the skills of the European Union, to which Greece belongs — but as the recent attempt to assassinate the Macedonian President indicates, this settlement was the easy part. The fate of Macedonia, with a large ethnic Albanian population, is inextricably linked to the situation in the neighbouring, Serb-controlled province of Kosovo. Any Balkan settlement that ignores Albania is doomed. And what are the proposals there? Autonomies and appeals to patience — in short, everything that has failed elsewhere.

Four years after the Yugoslav war began, Nato found it had no choice but to become involved in the Balkans. Western leaders will shortly discover just how quick the Balkans sands can be. The alliance is now facing its baptism of fire, with no more than a 50 per cent chance of success.

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DIARY

Romeward

THE PRINCESS OF WALES'S mother, the Hon Frances Shand Kydd, has lost little time in promoting her new faith. Barely a year after she converted to Rome, she has mounted a campaign to return an official Catholic presence to the Hebridean island of Iona after 400 years.

In a letter this week to the *Catholic Herald*, Mrs Shand Kydd asks for money to complete a House of Prayer on the island where John Smith, the former Labour leader, is buried. "An official Catholic presence on Iona has been lacking for about 400 years," she writes. "And it is important that this be amended."

Mrs Shand Kydd was received into the Catholic church last year by Father Donald Mackinnon, administrator of St Columba's cathedral in Oban, raising suggestions that her daughter might follow suit.

The holy community of Iona was founded by St Columba in AD 563, and the island has been visited by pilgrims ever since. It is still regarded as the cradle of Christianity. Its abbey was destroyed during the period of the English Reformation in the 16th century, however, and there is a feeling that Catholics should now return.

● *Contrary to earlier reports, Lord Hesketh is entertaining in customary style at the Tory conference, with a party a night in his suite at the Imperial Hotel in Blackpool. Grand ideas were flowing with the Pol Roger on Tuesday. "We should spend the Lottery cash on Baroness Thatcher," insisted one party-goer. "We need a 200ft statue of the Lady at the entrance to the Channel Tunnel."*

Shand Kydd: new faith

Missing tree

THE WORLD'S largest tenor, Luciano Pavarotti, kept the management at the Hyde Park Hotel in London waiting for an hour on Tuesday. Chambermaids, room staff and the general manager turned out to eagerly greet the great man at 6pm, before his press conference about the "three tenors" concert planned for Wembley. Unfortunately, he was ambling around Hyde Park at the time.

"He wanted to try to find the tree that he planted before his Hyde Park concert four years ago," said a hotel representative. "Sadly, he couldn't locate it."

Good form

A FRANK exchange took place recently between Sir Gordon Reece, Lady Thatcher's former public relations adviser, and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. The occasion was a race meeting at Goodwood, which is owned by the duke, where Sir Gordon's own horse, Impeccable, was running.

During the day, his grace asked Sir Gordon which was his favourite racecourse. "I'm sorry to say it is Newmarket," he replied. The duke was unconcerned: "Oh don't worry about that," he said with a wave of his arm. "My family has fond memories of Newmarket because my ancestor, the first Duke of Richmond, was conceived there in between races."

The first duke was but one of 15 children sired by King Charles II, an assiduous student of the female form.

● *Call me cloth ears, but did I hear Angela Browning, the agriculture minister responsible for animal welfare, using strong language at the Blackpool conference yesterday? I thought that she was suggesting the slaughter of doves so that she might be able to present the "traitor" Alan Howarth with white feathers to remind him of his cowardice.*

Ho hum

THE BBC is in a tangle trying to sort out the entries to its National Poetry Day telephone poll, which will decide the nation's favourite poem. The winning three will be announced on television this evening — if the bizarre choices of the public can be unscrambled in time.

Several votes have come in for an ugly-sounding *Allergy in a Country Churchyard* by Thomas Gray. Stevie Smith is in there with *Not Wading but Drowning*. *The Tyger* by William Blank and a couple of limericks by Edward Liar are closing in.

CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER SPOKEN ENGLISH

"I have pleasure, sir, in giving you five"

Bonding

SWASHBUCKLING former Cabinet minister Jonathan Aitken — he of the "sword of truth and the trusty shield of fair play" — has just been outed as a James Bond fan.

In Andrew Lycett's biography of Ian Fleming, published next week, it emerges that some enterprising undergraduates at Oxford set up a James Bond Club in 1963. The founder members included Aitken, who pledged to try to live up to the standards of his hero Mr Bond.

● *Terry Waite was an unlikely guest of honour at the Savoy yesterday for the Business Traveller awards. "I have built up a deal of experience from the other end of the scale, so to speak," explained the former hostage, as top hotels were given their prizes.*

P·H·S

GENTLE SHEPHARD

Tory education policy should do more than consolidate

The standing ovation granted to Gillian Shephard at the Conservative Party conference yesterday said as much about the Tory soul as the ecstatic reception accorded to Michael Portillo on Tuesday. The party clearly enjoys aggressive statements of principle; but it also likes social order underpinned by consensus. Mrs Shephard is widely respected by delegates as the minister who brought peace to the nation's classrooms.

The speech she delivered was competent rather than inspiring. For the second successive year, she quoted Benjamin Disraeli to the conference: "In a progressive country change is constant." Yet the Education and Employment Secretary remains a consolidator rather than a permanent revolutionary, a steady hand rather than a pioneer.

The reforms she announced were sensible enough. For the first time, head teachers will be given their own professional qualification "with rigorous national standards". It has always been true that the success of a school depends significantly upon the ability of its head. Since the delegation of budgets to schools and the advent of opting out, the work of head teachers has become increasingly complex. Labour is also exploring ways in which they could be helped to meet these new and exacting demands.

In addition, Mrs Shephard is setting up a new independent group to encourage the use of clear English, headed by the broadcaster Trevor McDonald. It may be asked how far a committee of journalists, businessmen and sports stars will be able to reform the speech habits of a nation. But Mrs Shephard's campaign deserves every success. As she made clear yesterday, her objective is not to eradicate regional accent but to encourage lucid and comprehensible speech. Politically correct or not, this goal is certainly worth pursuing.

What Mrs Shephard's speech lacked was the sense of mission which has been generally lacking from ministerial rhetoric this week. Hers is the reassuring language of managerial Conservatism. There is always a place for this steady approach on any Tory platform. But education is an area of policy where the Government can afford to be more aggressive — and needs to be. In spite of the cosmetic convergence between Labour and Tory over classroom reform, the differences of principle between the two parties remain considerable.

In spite of its new-found taste for parental choice and standards, the Opposition remains assiduously opposed to grant-maintained schools, selection and the Assisted Places Scheme. The Tory delegates opening the debate identified and celebrated this distinction more sharply than Mrs Shephard herself.

Ministers this week have been speaking gamely of the "millennium challenge" facing the nation. Only Tory policies, they claim, are fit to take Britain into the 21st century. At present, however, this remains a tactic rather than a strategy. Ideas are not matched by belief; ambition is not matched by a readiness to take risks.

The Education and Employment Secretary should be persuading all schools to opt out rather than hoping that more will do so; she should be looking at local pay bargaining for teachers; she should be waging relentless war on the discredited views of the education establishment. Conviction wins more votes than charm. It is time for Mrs Shephard to live up to her Disraelian maxim.

TRUST IN HISTORY

Fukuyama unearths the secrets of national success

Six years ago, the American State Department adviser, Francis Fukuyama, made the astonishing claim that the human race had reached the End of History. Few intellectual *propositions of recent times have stirred* such contention or been so wildly caricatured. In fact, Fukuyama's thesis was Hegelian rather than apocalyptic. He suggested *not that the march of events itself had come* to an abrupt halt but that liberal democracy and the free market had triumphed over systems of political and economic organisation.

Fukuyama's critics have focused on the exceptions which prove the rule. Can it really be said that former Yugoslavia is heading inexorably towards stable free market democracy? How does Fukuyama explain the vigorous authoritarian capitalism of Singapore or China? To his credit, he has returned to the fray. His challenging new book, *Trust*, is an exploration of national diversity. It will be the subject of a Times/Dillons debate next week, details of which appear on page 16.

This time Fukuyama joins battle on different terrain, to explore the connections between economic success, social cohesion and ethical tradition. His central theme is that "a nation's well-being, as well as its ability to compete, is conditioned by a single, pervasive cultural characteristic: the level of trust inherent in society". A nation with strong traditions of civil association and shared ethical habits will spend less on crime, litigation and State intervention. Where sociability and trust break down, economic and social decline will follow: Fukuyama argues that inner-city America, the former Soviet Union and southern Italy have this social deficit in common.

This leads to some arresting conclusions. First, Fukuyama issues a strong challenge to the theory that the market can resolve all social problems. Neo-classical economics is only "80 per cent correct", he argues, because it is blind to cultural differences between nations. Social habits, mores and instincts do as much to explain political and *economic behaviour as rational self-interest.* To remain competitive, therefore, Western *nations must nurture their pre-modern civic* structures and generate new ones. What is *required is not licence but "ordered liberty"* — a phrase that both Michael Portillo and Tony Blair *might endorse.*

More provocatively, Fukuyama questions *the extent of the competitive threat posed to* the West by Asia, and doubts the existence of a system of homogeneous "Asian values". Our recent obsession with the cultural differences between East and West, he writes, obscures the sheer diversity of Asian traditions and aptitudes: Japan, China and Taiwan are not the same. Japan's strength is rooted in the characteristics that Tocqueville observed in America; a tradition of extra-familial association, voluntary organisations, private universities and religious groups. Chinese society, in contrast, elevates family bonds above all other social loyalties. No obligation is greater than filial responsibility. Because its culture is not "group-oriented", Fukuyama contends, China will experience greater difficulty in developing a modern managerial economy. Its growth will slow.

The thesis that there is no unified "Confucian challenge" to the West, or single Asian development model, is a salutary challenge to pessimists who hold that the East will be the unintended victor of the Cold War. According to their school of thought, the West's social problems and the East's economic successes point to the authoritarian capitalism of Lee Kwan Yew's Singapore as a more plausible model for the next century than liberal democracy. The tide has turned, some politicians believe, and the West will have to learn to emulate the East: others exploit such arguments to call for a new European protectionism. By putting the "Asian demon" in cool perspective, Fukuyama renders important intellectual service. The issue could scarcely be more important to the future prosperity and moral confidence of the West.

CRIME DOES NOT PAY-TV

The post-trial tale of O. J. Simpson

The story so far: a retired American footballer is found not guilty of murder by a jury. Millions watched the trial on television, gripped and judgmental. Innocent, said the jury with barely a pause; not innocent, surely, said a multitude of onlookers, not for the first time in the history of American criminal jurisprudence.

The trial of Orenthal James Simpson — like that of William Kennedy-Smith or the Menendez brothers — occupied a twilight zone between law and morality, between criminal procedure and society's own instinct. Days after the verdict, for which all work and play ceased in an O. J.-obsessed land, impassioned debate is still abuzz.

Mr Simpson was tried by the traditional procedures of the American criminal justice system: no special favours were shown to him, no legal rigour was relaxed for his benefit. But several basic questions have been posed, insistently.

Is Mr Simpson really innocent? Was his acquittal a "racial" verdict? The defendant's *money is all that* matters, does it not? Was it the rottenness in the Los Angeles Police *Department that, in truth,* got him off? Should America consider comprehensive *reform of its legal system?* Is the country's criminal procedure now tilted too emphatically against the *interests of society* at large? Should the country's Constitution be amended? What is to be done about juries? What is to be done — even — about America? And after the trial ended, another question was posed by a disgruntled majority: does crime, after all, pay?

The commercial answer to the last question, it now appears, is no. "Pay-per-view" *television* ("Pay-TV" for short) has turned its back on the freed Mr Simpson. Inflated — and inflammatory — *talk* of a paycheck of $20 million for a post-trial interview with America's *most-guilty-innocent-man* has now proved to be exaggerated: exaggerated, *that is, to the tune of $20 million.*

The two major Pay-TV distributors, *influenced by public opinion,* balked at handling Mr Simpson's revelations. He offered them *instead* — and free *of charge* — to the NBC network. Now that has fallen through after a dispute over questions. Far from making a profit from his tried-but-still-alleged misdeeds, Mr Simpson is apparently eager to tell anyone who will listen.

This may have a most salutary effect. Robbed of its most lurid aspect — money — *l'affaire* O. J. may now serve a more contemplative purpose. Undistracted by those putative payments which Middle America feels are deeply undeserved, the great and good of that country's legal establishment can now settle down to the more serious question: what next for American criminal procedure?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Michael Portillo's conference appeal to 'patriotism'

From Mr Robert Jackson,
MP for Wantage (Conservative)

Sir, The audience at Blackpool's Winter Gardens was amused by Michael Portillo's speech yesterday (reports and leading article, October 11). I hope that those other equally important audiences who *may not have found it* so funny will take it with a pinch of salt: especially Britain's allies in Nato.

Perhaps it needs explaining to them that when our Defence Secretary insists on Britain's defence sovereignty he is not casting any doubt on our *automatic* commitment to go to war under the circumstances specified in the North Atlantic Treaty.

I do not think that he intends to terminate the authority of the Supreme Commander, Europe, to engage British forces, in the event of hostilities involving Nato, without recourse to the British Parliament and, indeed, the British Government.

I do not think that when our De*fence Secretary says that Britain will* not go to war "for Brussels" that he means that Britain will no longer be bound by decisions taken by Nato at its headquarters in that city.

I do not think that when he speaks of Britain's sovereignty in defence he is foreshadowing our withdrawal from the integrated, supranational military *structures of Nato — although it was* precisely on such grounds that France withdrew from those structures under President de Gaulle.

I do not think that Michael Portillo meant any of these things — or, perhaps more accurately, I hope that he did not.

Michael Portillo is acquiring a history of making satirical speeches whose logic will not bear close scru*tiny: maybe we in the Winter Gardens* audience should be worried by this.

Yours, etc,
ROBERT JACKSON,
House of Commons.
October 11.

From Mr Giles Radice, MP for
Durham North (Labour)

Sir, I never thought to hear a Secretary of State for Defence make the kind of ranting speech that Michael Portillo made, apparently with the Prime Minister's approval, to the Tory Party conference.

"We will not let Brussels control defence", says Mr Portillo. But he *knows perfectly well that defence is an* inter-governmental matter and that recently his own Government has been seeking greater defence co-operation, through the Western European Union, with our continental allies. The facts, of course, would not have served his political purpose — his rehabilitation as the darling of the Tory Right.

Those of us who have served in the Armed Forces find his emphasis on blood and violence — Tomahawk missiles going down chimneys, the SAS sending a chill down the spine of the enemy, British soldiers being willing to give their lives for Britain — highly offensive.

The problem with Mr Portillo is that *he does not seem to understand the* distinction between patriotism and *nationalism. It is one thing to be proud* of British achievements in the National Health Service, in the sciences and in the arts as well as in our Forces. It is quite a different thing to seek to stir up hostility towards our European partners.

As another British politician with a foreign name, I would like to remind Michael Portillo that it was British tolerance towards others which enabled the *Portillos and Radices* to come to this country in the first place and that, as we have *seen in the former* Yugoslavia, xenophobia, once it is aroused, can be a very dangerous thing.

Yours faithfully,
GILES RADICE,
House of Commons.
October 11.

From Mr Charles Westenholz

Sir, It is depressing to see a senior Conservative Cabinet Minister, with the support of his colleagues, indulging in such crude invective and shameless pandering to nationalist emotions as *did Mr Portillo. Samuel Johnson's* quip about patriotism and the scoundrel has never seemed more apt.

If Mr Portillo and his ilk think that his selected audience, with whom he seemed to find such favour, is representative of the "Middle England" so important to every party's election prospects, I suspect he is in for a nasty shock.

With a Conservative leadership lacking so publicly and so obviously in dignity and principle, Mr Blair's claim to appeal to the much-wooed middle ground begins to look more and more credible.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES WESTENHOLZ,
55a Palace Gardens Terrace, W8.
October 11.

From Sir Julian Critchley,
MP for Aldershot (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Portillo, in his conference speech on Tuesday, *made* reference to the "refusal" of the Government to *merge the British Army into* a European Army. No such proposal has ever been made by Brussels, which, incidentally, as Mr Portillo well knows, has no jurisdiction over defence matters.

He continued his speech by suggesting that cap badges and other regimental insignia, if not the regiments *themselves, might be merged into* some kind of International Brigade, commanded by foreigners. Was not this piece of hyperbole a cheap attempt to curry favour with his audience and a sad commentary on the depths to which a leading politician can stoop?

Yours etc,
JULIAN CRITCHLEY,
House of Commons.
October 11.

From Vice-Admiral Sir James
Jungius

Sir, Mr Portillo waved the Union Jack *with gay abandon at the Conservative* conference. What a pity he did not address the real state of the Armed Forces.

The Navy is now at its lowest ebb for a hundred years. Senior officers tell us the fleet is dangerously over-stretched. The Army would find it impossible to put a full-strength division in the field *without robbing the remaining units.* The Air Force has no aircraft that are not obsolete and many are long overdue for replacement. Its only fighter aircraft, the Tornado, has significant deficiencies in that role. Reserves are at laughably low levels.

Dressing up existing forces with fancy new names is no substitute for *providing the Armed Forces with sufficient* men, women and modern equipment to enable them to meet their commitments without constant over-stretch. What we need to know are Mr Portillo's plans to meet this requirement.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES JUNGIUS,
Lawithick,
Mylor Churchtown,
Falmouth, Cornwall.
October 11.

From Mr Ian Milne

Sir, Mr Portillo's references to a Single European Army are being dismissed as "fantasy".

Yet this is precisely what French and German leaders have called for. In the last 12 months Messrs Mitterrand, *Kohl, Balladur and Juppé have all,* deliberately and specifically, described the mainly Franco-German Eurocorps as the stepping-stone to a single European army.

Furthermore, a single European army is the official published policy of the European People's Party, composed largely of European Christian *Democrat parties (and the French* Gaullists), to which Mr Portillo's own party is "allied" in the European Parliament.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MILNE
(Chairman),
The June Press Ltd,
35 Tufton Court, SW1.
October 11.

From Mr Hamish Mitchell

Sir, Michael Portillo's conference speech will have brought a tear to many a glass eye. Stirring post-imperialist rhetoric about "the enemy", and tugging the emotional *strings about "our" Armed Forces as if* they were the sole preserve of the *Conservative Party.*

I was one of those who served in the Armed Forces in the 1980s, and I can assure the Defence Secretary that the Conservatives do not have a monopoly of support in the Forces. He says the Forces are willing to give their lives for Britain "but not for Brussels". What about Kuwait? What democracy was *that defending? I joined up to defend* Nato and Europe, not an Arab dictatorship.

Stirring stuff too about sovereignty. Who is sovereign in the UK? As a Scot, I like to think that sovereignty rests with the people. Mr Portillo must remember the UK is a union of nations, it is not a unitary state. There is a *difference.*

Yours,
HAMISH MITCHELL,
12 Dean Road,
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.
October 10.

From Mr A. J. Killeen

Sir, As a member of the Territorial Army in 1974, I used to go on a 20km forced march, carrying a 30kg pack. I would then practise firing my 7.62mm rifle over a target distance of 300m. I was told the Army had adopted these units of measurement for reasons of ease.

Yours sincerely,
TONY KILLEEN
(24358239, Trooper (retd)),
202 Bishop Road,
Bishopston, Bristol, Avon.
October 6.

Clearing the streets

From Mr Paul Ashford

Sir, Spokesmen for both the Conservative and Labour parties have recently been highlighting the need to clear the streets of beggars, "winos" and the homeless. Whilst the aim is admirable the attitude being adopted seems markedly unsympathetic to the plight of a group of fellow humans.

Take the time to talk to these individuals and you will find that the vast majority are not simply opportunists out for easy cash, but people in desperate need, who have arrived where they are as a result of emotional *or social trauma; a trauma which they* have been unable to cope with, and with which society has been unwilling to help them.

These people will be taken off the streets, not by forcing them into hostels or arresting them for begging, *but by providing the support services* which will prevent them from arriving on the streets in the first place. We should cease looking at this group as a problem, and start looking at the problems of the individuals who comprise the group.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. ASHFORD,
76 Waun Fach, Cardiff.
October 9.

Fall in property values

From Mr John Ambrose

Sir, I believe that Ms Hilary Patrick (letter, October 2) *may have missed* the point when she writes that property prices *in an area are not affected* by the presence of sheltered housing for psychiatric patients.

She may well be correct and so may the studies she quotes: but I doubt very much if the price of the house *next door* is unaffected, however much we might wish it otherwise.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. AMBROSE,
66 London Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

Advertising complaints

From the Director of Friends
of the Earth

Sir, I would like to correct two significant inaccuracies in your report of October 4, "Needy charities accused of resorting to sensationalism".

First, the Advertising Standards Authority did not receive any com*plaints from members of the public* about Friends of the Earth's *Mahogany is Murder* cinema commercial, let alone "several" as stated by your Media Correspondent. One complaint was received from the UK Timber Trade Federation, and one from the *Brazilian Embassy.*

Second, at no point does the commercial, *either in words or images,* imply that mahogany logging has led to the "widespread murder of Brazilian Indians". The exact words used are: "If the Brazilian Indians who own the trees don't want to sell them they *can* pay with their lives" (my empha*sis added*).

The facts are these. We have provided the ASA with documented case histories of Amazonian tribal Indians (adults and children) murdered by loggers over the past ten years, as well as many further incidences of tribal groups decimated by diseases to which they have no immunity, introduced by loggers (and other land invaders).

Many of us have travelled extensively in Amazonia, and we know from first-hand experience the accuracy of the innumerable scientific and government studies cataloguing the ecological *devastation* wrought by the timber industry.

I cannot speak on behalf of other organisations mentioned in your report. However, I can confidently state that for 25 years Friends of the Earth has based its campaigns, and its high reputation with politicians of all parties and the public, on careful re*search, persuasive argument and the* facts. Our *Mahogany is Murder* campaign is no different.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES SECRETT, Director,
Friends of the Earth,
26-28 Underwood Street, N1.

Pleasure in 'Pride'

From Mrs Diane Casewell

Sir, I believe that teenagers of today are quite capable of forming their own views of literature and television productions (letter, October 10). My daughter of 13, having watched the first episode *of Pride and Prejudice,* rushed to the bookcase to extract the *copy of the book and found herself* unable to put it down.

She can now experience the pleasure of comparing her interpretation with that of the BBC. But prior to the TV's initial stimulus she had shown no interest in becoming acquainted with Jane Austen. Just for the record, she has now moved on to *Emma.*

Yours sincerely,
DIANE CASEWELL,
Canford, 3 Palmerston Way,
Biddulph, Staffordshire.

BBC 'at front line'

From Mr Stanley J. Blenkinsop

Sir, Stress counselling for BBC reporters at the West trial (letter, October 11)? What nonsense! During 40 years as a national newspaper journalist involved with a litany of horrors, includ*ing the Moors Murders and the York*shire Ripper, I found the best counselling came in the pub with colleagues over a pint . . . or two . . . or even three.

Yous sincerely,
STANLEY J. BLENKINSOP,
Roan Court, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

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Why envoys fulfil a valuable role

From Sir Horace Phillips

Sir, In the course of my diplomatic career I served a term as commercial counsellor in an embassy. Later I was an ambassador for 11 years. After retiring I was for nine years (1978-87) the *full-time resident representative of* a major British engineering group in four Middle and Far East countries in succession, engaged in searching for contracts.

With that experience on both sides of the ambassador's desk I question Mr Robin Cook's assertion at the Labour Party conference (report, Oc*tober 6) that Britain's embassies have* much to learn from businessmen with practical experience in winning orders.

I did not find that businessmen expected an embassy to do the legwork required to win orders. What *they looked for was reliable advice* on the local politico-economic background against which to search for business. They wanted someone to guide them through the local bureaucracy and open the right official doors for effective contacts.

Many commercial officers had served attachment to industry, had *trained in economics, had specialised* in commercial diplomatic work over a long period, often in the same area. They drew up local market surveys, reports on the country's economic and financial state, assessments of investment and commodity opportunities.

Ambassadors compiled well-informed politico-economic reviews. Of*ten long-time experts in a particular* area and speaking the language, they cultivated leading politicians and officials and they knew who was who. All this information was, through the Foreign Office and the Board of Trade, at the disposal of British businessmen at home and on visits abroad.

An embassy is not to be blamed for poor export performance. This is likely to be due to uncompetitive tendering, cost overrun, late completion/delivery, inefficient marketing and follow-up. Correcting this is the responsibility not of ambassadors but of business leaders themselves. And it is best done in their own head offices, *leaving it to the* embassy professional to give them the expert local back-up *they need but do not* themselves have the experience to provide.

Yours faithfully,
HORACE PHILLIPS,
34a Sheridan Road,
Merton Park, SW19.
October 9.

Legal aid fees

From Miss Nicola Jayne Enston

Sir, It is admirable that certain eminent barristers are prepared to undertake work for no fee (report, October 9: *letter, October 11) in response to* Tony Blair's plea for lawyers to improve citizens' access to justice.

Unfortunately, this is a society where legal aid is scarce, and likely to become something of a rarity if the proposals contained in the Government's Green Paper, *Legal Aid — Targeting Need*, are implemented.

Nevertheless, it is unfair to expect lawyers to resolve the problems of inadequate government funding by urging them to donate their professional services. Many barristers already undertake pro bono work on a regular basis through organisations such as the Free Representation Unit.

It is time that misconceptions about lawyers being affluent, extravagant and selfish were corrected. It will be interesting to see if doctors and surgeons are approached in the same way and asked to treat patients on a pro bono basis to improve access to healthcare.

Yours sincerely,
NICOLA JAYNE ENSTON,
12 Grosvenor Road,
Colwyn Bay, Clwyd.
October 11.

The Orkney vole

From Professor R. J. Berry

Sir, As the person who originally collected the data showing that the Orkney vole was related to a European ancestor (*Journal of Zoology*, vol.177), I have a proprietorial interest in the *current* debate (leading article, September 30, letter, October 9).

I also draw a clear moral from it: however much bankers, trading standards officers, bureaucrats and politicians may connive over our place in Europe, biologically and environ*mentally we are wholly inseparable* from Europe-over-the-water.

Yours faithfully,
SAM BERRY,
University College London,
Department of Biology,
Gower Street, WC1.
October 10.

Time travel

From Mr Stan Gooch

Sir, This talk of time travel is complete nonsense (report, October 2: letters, October 5 and 7). If time travel was ever going to exist, it would always have existed.

Yours faithfully,
STAN GOOCH,
11 Glenloch Court,
Glenloch Road, NW3.
October 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 11: The Princess Royal, Patron, Association of Women's Royal Naval Service, this afternoon attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Association of Wrens at St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4.

Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, later attended the Commodores' Reception and the Annual General Meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel, Hamilton Place, Park Lane, London SW1.

Lady Carew Pole was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Reception for Celebrities at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 11: The Princess of Wales, President, this morning visited the *Royal Academy of Music*, Marylebone Road, London NW1.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 11: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited Belfast and was received on arrival by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland *Office (The Baroness Denton of* Wakefield).

Her Royal Highness proceeded to the Belfast City Hospital where *she was received by the Lord* Lieutenant of the City and County of Belfast *(Colonel Elliott Wilson)*, and opened the Cancer Research Campaign's Ovarian Cancer Research Laboratory.

The Princess Margaret, Countess *of Snowdon*, continued to Hillsborough Castle where she was *received by the Lord Lieutenant* of County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

Her Royal Highness, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, subsequently attended a Reception for the Cancer Research Campaign.

The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 11: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited Workington Lifeboat Station, Workington, Cumbria, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria (Mr James Cropper).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Silloth Lifeboat Station, Silloth, Cumbria. Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
October 11: Princess Alexandra, Vice President, this evening presented the Muriel Monkhouse Award *on* behalf of the British Red Cross Society at the offices of the *Financial Times*, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend the council meeting at Saddlers' Hall at 10.50.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Asthma Campaign, *will attend the* 1995 Asthma Gift Fair at Hurlingham at 10.30.

The Duke of Kent will visit The Duke of Kent's School, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Surrey, at 10.45.

Lady Alexandra Metcalfe

A Memorial Service for Lady *Alexandra Metcalfe will be held in* the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace at noon today. (Entry by way of Cleveland Row and Stable Yard)

Juan Manuel Fangio

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the life of Juan Manuel Fangio will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, *London, W1, on Tuesday, October* 17, 1995, at 10.30am.

Appointment

Lord Justice Auld to be the Senior Presiding Judge of England and Wales in succession to Lord Justice McGowan from October 16.

Birthdays today

Lady (Helen) Brook, founder, Brook *Advisory Centre for Young* People, 88; Professor Juliet Cheetham, sociologist, 56; Dame Elizabeth Chesterton, architect and town planner, 80; Mr Jaroslav Drobny, tennis player, 74; Mr Kenneth Griffith, actor, writer and documentary film-maker, 74; Mr Robert Heron, former director, *The Duke of Edinburgh's* Award Scheme, 68; Mr Jonathan *Holborow, Editor, The Mail on Sunday*, 52; Mr Kenneth Loveland, music critic, 80; Mr Magnus Magnusson, broadcaster, 66; Dr John Moffatt, former Provost, The Queen's College, Oxford, 73; Mr Rick Parfitt, rock singer and guitarist, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir John Parker, 80; Mr Luciano Pavarotti, *tenor*, 60; Miss Angela Rippon, broadcaster, 51; Sir Archibald *Ross, diplomat, 84; Mr David* Threlfall, actor, 42; Mr Michael Verey, merchant banker, 83; Mr Nigel Waterson, MP, 45; Sir David White, chairman, Nottingham Health Authority, 66.

Lecture

Barbers' Company

Sir Reginald Murley delivered the Thomas Vicary Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons of *England yesterday. Later* Professor Donald Barltrop, Master of the Barbers' Company, presided at a dinner held at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. *Sir Rodney Sweetnam*, President of the College, Sir Reginald Murley and Mr Barry Jackson also spoke.

SIMON WALKER

A guard of honour welcoming the Princess Royal yesterday to a service held in *St Paul's Cathedral to mark the* seventy-fifth anniversary of the Association of Wrens. The Dean of St Paul's officiated and the Chaplain *of the Fleet*, the Ven Michael Bucks, preached the sermon. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Sir Peter Levene and Lady *Levene*, attended. The guests were received by Mrs Marjorie Imlah, chairman of the association. Among those present were: Miss Daphne Blundell, president of the association, Rear-Admiral *J Blackham*, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff, Captain Julia Simpson, Chief Naval Officer for Women, Admiral Sir Brian *Brown*, Chairman of Council, King George's Fund for Sailors, with Captain M Appleton, Director-General, and representatives of the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Netherlands Navy and South African Navy.

Memorial service

Lord White of Hull

The Bishop of London officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Bermuda and the Rev Christopher Courtauld, at a service of thanks*giving for the life of Lord White of* Hull held yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge.

Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, and Mr Francis Warner, Lord White Fellow in English Literature, St Peter's College, Oxford, read the lessons. Lord King of Wartnaby read William Wordsworth's *Character of the Happy Warrior* and from Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*. Sir David Frost gave an address. *Among others present were:*

Lady White of Hull (widow), the Hon *Lucas White (son), the Hon* Ana-Luisa White (daughter), Mr and Mrs Bernard White (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Hugh Hubbard (mother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael White, Mr James White, Miss Romilly White, Mrs Kristina Wood.

The Earl and Countess of Dudley, the Countess of Caledon, the Countess of Lucan, Viscount Cowdray, Lord Hanson (chairman, Hanson) and Lady Hanson with Mr *Derek Bonham (chief executive and* deputy chairman) and Mrs Bonham and Mr Christopher Collins (vice-chairman) and Mrs Collins; Lady *Ampthill, Baroness Falkender, Lord* Glenarthur, Lady King of Wartnaby, Lord and Lady Palumbo, Baroness Rawlings, Lord Rothschild, Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP, the Hon *Harry and Mrs Fane, Lady Victoria* Waymouth, Lady Karina Frost, Lady Elizabeth Shakerley, the Hon Rupert Fairfax, the Hon Mrs Simon Fraser, the Hon Robert Hanson, the *Hon Mrs Marcius, the Hon Mervyn* Greenway, Sir Tobias Clarke, Lady Kleinwort, Sir Gordon Booth, Sir James Goldsmith, MEP, Sir David and Lady Hardy, Lady (Virginia) White, Sir Francis Kennedy, Professor Sir Roland Smith, Sir Michael Richardson, Mr John and *Lady Sarah Aspinall, Ambassador* and Mrs Charles Price, Mrs Cheever Hardwick III, Mr J Brook Hanson, Dr James Smith, Mr Victor Lowndes, Captain Pat McHaffey, Mr Ronald Fulford, Mrs Sheila Porritt, Mr Derek Rosling, Mrs Julia Crookston.

Mr Charles Benson, Mr Mark Birley, Mr and Mrs Peter Blond, Mr and Mrs Leslie Bricusse, Mr David Briggs, *Mr Michael Buckley, Miss* Joan Collins, Mr Michael Eardley-Wilmot, Mr and Mrs John Green, Miss Belinda Harley, Mrs Charles Holland, Mrs Aldine Honey, Mrs *Sally James, Mrs Nicholas Jarman*, Mrs Betty Kenwood, Mrs H Kretzmer, Mrs Camilla Leigh Pemberton, Mr and Mrs Gerald Leigh, Mr Ian Livingstone, Mr Dai Llewellyn.

Dr Anne Mackintosh, Mr Richard Marson, Mr Dan Meinertzhagen, Mr and Mrs David Metcalfe, Mrs *Roger Moore, Mr and Mrs Tim* Neligan, Mr David Niven Jr, Mr and Mrs James Osborne, Mrs Kenneth Osborne, Mrs Hillary Pilkington, Mr and Mrs Andrew Reisz, Mr Peter Riley, *Mr and Mrs Richard Rose.*

Mrs Robert Sangster, Mr and Mrs Marc Scherman, *Mr and Mrs* Jonathan Scott-Barrett, Mr and Mrs William Shand-Kydd, Mr Caspar Shand-Kydd, Mr and Mrs Michael Shea, Mr and Mrs J D Slater, Mr *John Smoker, Dr Nigel Southward*, Dr and Mrs R A J Spurrell, Mr Michael Stoute, Mr Taki Theodoracopulos, Mrs Diana Vallis, Mrs Elizabeth Vazquez, Mr Claus von Bulow, Mr and Mrs K E Wadsworth, Mrs Francis Warner, Mr Richard Westmacott, and Mr Ray Williams.

Mr Anthony Alexander (Hanson) and Mrs Alexander with Mr Andrew *Dougal, Mr Graham Dransfield, Mr* and Mrs Alan Hagdrup, Mr Brian Hellings, Miss Holly Hamill and Mr and Mrs Martin Taylor; Mr William Landuyt (president and chief *executive officer, Hanson Industries*) and Miss Ruth Handley, Mr David Clarke (US Industries) and Mr John Raos.

Mr Philip Swatman (N M Rothschild and Sons) and Mr A Allen, Mr Ross Chiese (British Nuclear Fuels), Mr Richard Hambro (J O Hambro Investment Management Company), Mr Nicholas Jones *(Lazard Bros), Mr Barrie Craven* (Ernst and Young), Mr Peter Meinertzhagen (ABN Amro Hoare Govett), Miss Sarah Stroyan (De La *Rue), Mr K D Cowell (Makinson* Cowell), Mr Alec Anderson (Conyers Dill and Pearman), Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Birdwood (Workman and Partners), Mr J E Bodle (D *E and J Levy), Mr Peter Svennilson* (Ironganel), Mr David Giles (Thorneycroft, Giles and Company), Mr Peter Johnson (Arthur Ackermann and Peter Johnson) and Mrs Johnson, *Mr Jerry Jacob (Midway Airlines).*

Mr Roger Lane-Smith (Alsop *Wilkinson), Mr Christopher Miller* (Wassall) and Mr David Roper, Mr Sean O'Connor (Trillium Venture), Mr Hugh Sykes (Shipping and Investment Services), Mr Richard *Pearman (Conyers Dill and* Pearman) and Mrs Pearman, Mr Robert S Pirie (Bear Stearns and Company), Mr Frank Lowe (Lowe Howard-Spink) and Mrs Lowe, Mr Royal Victor III (Chemical Securities).

Mr David Workman (Workman and Partners), Professor John P Barron (Master, St Peter's College, Oxford), Mr Ian Bryce (Hull University), Major-General B P McGuinness (representing Chairman of Governors of City Technology College, Kingshurst), Mr Andrew Alexander (City Editor, *Daily Mail*) with Mr Nigel Dempster and Mr Alan Davidson, Mr Clive Sasseraith (CBC UK), Mr Frank Partridge (Partridge Fine Arts), Mrs *Jose Fonseca (Models One) and Mr* Dick Kries and many other friends and colleagues.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.G. de Pelet
and Miss R.E.C. Palmer

The engagement is announced between Louis, younger son of *Mr* and Mrs Patrick de Pelet, of Bowden House, Templecombe, Somerset, and Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney *Palmer*, of Melton Constable, Norfolk.

Mr M.J. Fiddy
and Miss D.M. Lancaster

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr John Brian Fiddy and Mrs Pamela *Mary McLean, and Deborah*, daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Lancaster, of Kensington, London.

Mr J.M. Garlick
and Miss B.J. Paris

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Garlick, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Bridget, *youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs* Gerard Paris, of Beckbury, *Shropshire.*

Mr N.G.F. Hedley
and Miss K. Kroha

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs A.A. Hedley, of Lee Brockhurst, Shropshire; and Kathrin, daughter of Dr and Mrs H.R. Kroha, of Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr J.D. Hoddinott
and Miss V.S. Perkins

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late Mr Daniel Hoddinott and of Mrs Mary Hoddinott, of Alkerton, Oxfordshire, and Virginia, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Perkins, of Harrietsham, Kent.

Mr M.J. Labovitch
and Miss K.M. Siemer

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of the late Clive Labovitch, of London, and of Ms Penny Perrick, of Roundstone, Ireland, and Katharina, elder daughter of Herr Benno and Frau Paula Siemer, of Buehren/Emstek, Germany.

Mr G.H.J. McGonigal
and Miss L.J. Rutman

The engagement is announced between *Gregory*, second son of Mr and Mrs Christopher McGonigal, *of Lamberhurst*, Kent, and Laura, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Rutman, of Four Elms, Kent.

Mr A.C. Millett
and Dr V.H. Morris

The engagement *is announced* between Andrew, younger son of the Right Hon Sir Peter and Lady Millett, of Westminster, London, and Vanessa, younger daughter of *Professor and* Mrs Norman Morris, of Hampstead, London.

Mr J.D. Ramsay
and Miss C.A. Johnson

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Ramsay, of Burchetts Green, Berkshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Eddie Johnson, of Bath.

Mr A.J. Wilbraham
and
Senhorita F. Amaral Valentini

The engagement *is announced* between Alexander, eldest son of Mr John *Wilbraham* and the Hon Mrs Villiers, and Fernanda, eldest daughter of Senhor and Senhora Arnaldo Valentini, of São Paulo, Brazil.

Marriage

Mr R. McCarraher
and *Ms L. Wagner*

The marriage took place on September 30, in Chelsea, of Mr Richard McCarraher, only son of Mr and Mrs Neil McCarraher, and *Ms Lucy Wagner, only daughter of* the late Sir Anthony Wagner and *of Dame Gillian Wagner.*

A reception was held at the Physic Garden.

United Medical and Dental Schools

On October 5, 1995, the United *Medical and Dental Schools of* Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals awarded Honorary Fellowships to:

Professor Henry Barcroft, FRS, Lord Butterfield, OBE, MD, FRCP, *Professor Ronald Emslie*, FDSRCS, Sir John Greenborough, KBE, *Mr Harold Ridley*, FRS, and Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, MC.

The ceremony was held at *Southwark Cathedral and* Professor Andrew Rutherford, OBE, *Vice-Chancellor of the University* of London, presided. A reception was held in the *Glaziers' Hall* followed by a dinner in the Governors' Hall at St Thomas' Hospital.

Professor A.W. Wilkinson

A thanksgiving service in celebration of the life of Professor Andrew Wood Wilkinson, CBE, consultant paediatric surgeon, will be held at the Church of St George the Martyr, Queen Square, London, WC1, at noon on Wednesday, November 29, 1995. All are welcome. *(Correction to date)*

Sternberg Centre for Judaism

Cardinal Edward Cassidy, President *of the Commission for* Religious Relations with the Jews, delivered a *lecture* yesterday *at* the Sternberg Centre in Finchley to mark the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Nostra Aetate.

The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, presided and Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, spoke.

The previous day, Rabbi Dr Jonathan Magonet, Principal of *the Leo Baeck College*, presented the Leo Baeck Award to Cardinal Cassidy. Sir Sigmund *Sternberg* spoke.

Luncheon

Her Majesty's
Government

Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host at a luncheon given by *Her* Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House, Whitehall, in honour of General Owe Wiktorin the Supreme Commander Swedish Armed Forces.

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Wisdom of Solomon 4 : 15 (REB).

BIRTHS

BALLARD/JONES - On *October 7th at The Portland* Hospital, to Chris and Sue, a lovely daughter Courtney, sister to Ashly and Max.

BIEBER - On October 9th at *The Portland Hospital, to Nat* (née Smith) and Robin, a son, Charlie, a brother to Tom.

DAVIES - On October 9th, to Mark and Caroline (née Berry), a daughter, Alfie, a sister for Tom and Ben.

DEV - On October 2nd 1995, Kim (née Edwards) and Vivek are delighted to announce the birth of William Kabir.

EDGAR - On October 6th 1995 at The Portland *Hospital, to Alexia (née Roe)* and Nicholas, a beautiful daughter (Henrietta Isobel Flora).

FANTHORPE - On October 9th, to Marion and David, a son, Andrew Hugh, a brother for Nicholas.

FONTANA - On October 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Therese and Peta, a beautiful *daughter, Colette, a sister for* Cara.

GILMOUR - On September 19th, a son, William James Gray to Annabel (née Gillespie) and Angus, a brother for John.

HALL - On October 4th, to Ann and Philip, a beautiful daughter, Dorothy Annabel, a sister for James and Daisy.

HIGGS - On October 9th at St Peter's, Chertsey, to Lucy *(née Middleton) and Philip*, a son, Frederick George Dryden "Freddie", a brother for Jack.

KEELING - On October 6th, to Sue and John, a daughter, Victoria Susannah, yet another sister for James, Catherine and Sarah.

LEATHART - On Sunday October 8th, at St Thomas', to Sophie (née Knight) and Tom, a daughter, Columbine *Margaret Edith.*

MALTBY - To Emma (née Rawson) and *Alexander*, a daughter, Amelia Dorothy and a son, Louis Peter, born on October 10th at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

MEAGHER - Sarah King and Paul Meagher are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ffion Amber, at 7.10 am 9th October 1995.

ORTHODOXOU - On October 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Rebecca (née Hatjiosif) and Orthodoxos, a beautiful daughter, Maria Josephine, a sister for Andreas.

STEVENSON - *On 9th* October 1995, to Rada and Paul, a daughter, Emili.

DEATHS

BERGER - Herbert Leopold on October 6th suddenly, beloved husband of Vanessa and much loved by his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Kingston Crematorium on 16th October at 1 pm. All enquiries to F.W. Paine, Esher High Street, Surrey.

BIRCH - *On October 8th in the* City Hospital, York, Margaret Ruth aged 84 years, beloved wife of Clifford, dearly loved *stepmother of Ian and* Margaret, also grandma of Katherine, Emma, Philippa, Caroline and Stephen and sister-in-law to Edna. *Funeral Service to be held at* St Giles Church, Skelton, York, on Monday October 16th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at York Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be given in aid of Cancer Research. A plate will be provided at the service.

BUTLER - Alfred Henry, aged 89, Late Sqdrn. Ldr. Fighter Command, on October 7th in Australia. Adored husband *of Helen*, dear father and father-in-law of Janet and Tony and grandfather. Beloved uncle of Philip and Beatrice. Enquiries tel: (01452) 521341.

CARMALT - Dorothy, daughter of the late Canon and Mrs W. Hodgson of Aston, died peacefully on 9th October, 1995 in Sellywood House. Teacher at Low Moor *Dudley Girls' High School* and King Edwards High School for Girls, Edgbaston. Adored wife of the late Dr. Hugh Carmalt M.C. Much *loved* mother of Lyn Ankcorn and Dr. Martin Carmalt, grandmother and great-grandmother. Will be greatly missed by all her friends. Service and cremation at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham, on Monday, October 16th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Birmingham Rathbone Society may be sent to V. Morton and Sons Ltd., 218 *New Road*, Rubery, B45 9JA by 30th October please.

DAVIES - *Suddenly at St* George's Hospital, London on October 7th, Huw Daniel aged 27, beloved son of Zoë and Rhys, devoted brother of his twin Tim and of Matthew and dearest friend of Claire. Private cremation. Service of Commemoration at Clifton College Chapel, Bristol, at 12 noon on Saturday October 21st. No flowers. Donations *to the Baby Unit, Bristol* Childrens Hospital, c/o R. Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol BS7 8TN.

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ELTON - Herbert, passed away peacefully on October 11th in his 102nd year. Sadly missed by his daughter Ann, son-in-law John, *grandchildren* and great-grandchildren.

EYTON-LLOYD - On October 9th, peacefully at Court *Lodge Nursing Home*, Lymington, after a long illness borne with great courage, Marjorie Ann (née Chaworth-Musters) aged 78, dearly loved wife of the late Bobby. Much loved mother of David, Richard, Julia and Michael and a devoted grandmother. Dear sister of *Bar and Didi*. Funeral Service at All Saints' Church, Woodside, *Lymington* on October 20th at 2 pm followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Parkinson's Disease Society may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

GALBRAITH - On 11th *October 1995 peacefully in* hospital after a brief illness, Henry Douglas aged 77 years, former Head of Classics at Bedford School. Funeral Service will take place at Bedford School Chapel on Tuesday 17th October at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if desired for Bedford Hospital Nurses Fund may be sent to *Arnolds Funeral Service*, Roff Avenue, Bedford MK41 7TE. Tel: (01234) 359629.

HISCOX - Rev. Edward *Hiscox*, peacefully on 3rd October 1995, at home. Memorial Service 10th November at St John the Baptist Church, Cirencester 2.30 pm.

JONES - Glyn Clemens, on 9th October at home, aged 70. Devoted husband, father and grandfather. Former Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Gillingham Borough Council. Funeral on Tuesday 17th October at 10.30 am at Holy Trinity Church, Twydall, Gillingham, Kent. Family flowers only but donations, if *desired, to Friends of St* Lawrence College Sports Appeal c/o John Weir (FD), 130 High Street, Rainham, Kent, ME8 8AR.

KRONFLI - Emile Murray, Advocate of Khartoum, on 10th October 1995 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Dearly *loved* father of Salma, Murray and Samia and loving grandfather of Emile, Basil, Iain and Alexander. Funeral Service at 11 am Monday 16th October at Ealing Abbey, *Charlbury Grove*, London W5, followed by interment at Brookwood Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey. Flowers to Kenyons, 83 Westbourne *Grove, London W2 4UL* or donations if desired to Oxfam c/o Kenyons.

LAMAISON - Geraldine Mary French, beloved wife of William (Bill) and adored mother of Jane, Peter, Caroline, Anita and Gillie, passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on October 11th. Funeral at Sutton Church, nr. Petworth on Friday October 20th at *2.30 pm*. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, in her memory, to British Red Cross, Market Square, Petworth, W. Sussex. Enquiries to W. Bryder, The Gables, Tillington, Petworth, W. Sussex.

LOFTS - Kenneth Henry O.B.E. passed away peacefully at home on Sunday October 8th aged 70 years. Funeral Service on Tuesday October 17th at St *Michael and All Angels* Church, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, at 12 noon, followed by committal at Bushbury Crematorium, *East Chapel. Flowers or* donations for Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, 270 Penn Road, *Wolverhampton, tel: (01902)* 335010.

LOVELOCK - Peacefully on October 9th 1995, in a Basingstoke nursing home, Clare aged 79. Beloved *widow of Colin and loving* mother of Christopher, Roger, Jeremy and Rachel. Funeral at The Catholic Church, Yelverton, Devon, *at 2 pm on Friday October* 13th. Family flowers only. Donations to medical charity of choice. Enquiries to Stowells Funeral Service. (01256) 21281.

LUSTY - Lady Eileen Mary (Babs) aged 83 years, peacefully on 10th October after a long illness bravely and cheerfully borne. A true lady till the end. Widow of Sir Robert Frith Lusty and formerly of Dr. Denis Charles Carroll. Dearly loved *mother of Anthony and* Peter and treasured grandmother *of Amanda*, Jennifer, Charles and Henry. Funeral Service at Chalfont St Peter Parish Church at 2pm on Thursday 19th *October*, followed by cremation. All enquiries tel: (01753) 891200.

MALIM - Peacefully and with courage, on October 10th aged 81, Theodora Kathryn Malim, beloved wife of the late David Wentworth Malim and mother of Anthea, Lavinia and Hugh. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford, *on Thursday October 19th at* 2.30 pm. No flowers, but donations may be sent to The Hertfordshire Association for the Disabled, Woodside Centre, The Commons, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL7 4DD.

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PROCTOR - On October 6th, peacefully in hospital, William (Bill), aged 86 years *of Sheffield*. Beloved husband of Doreen and the late Ann, dearly loved father of John, Rachel and Ruth and a loving grandfather and stepfather. Service at St Andrew's United Reformed Church, Upper Hanover Street, on Friday 13th October at 1.15 pm followed by interment at Pentrich Parish Church, Derbyshire. *Family flowers only please*, but donations payable to Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Sheffield.

SIDEBOTHAM - *On October* 10th, Francis John Sidebotham, aged 76, beloved husband of Connie for 51 years and devoted father of Susan and Sally. Funeral at West Suffolk *Crematorium*, Bury St Edmunds at 11.15 am on Wednesday, October 18th. Flowers, or donations to Downs Syndrome *Association if desired, c/o H* Palmer, Little St Mary's, Long Melford, Suffolk. (01787) 373797.

STEELE-PERKINS - Gillian. On Sunday 8th October 1995, beloved daughter of the late Surgeon Commander and Mrs Jan Steele-Perkins. Mother of the late Susan Wrathall. Survived by her loving son Michael Wrathall; daughter Josephine Atkinson; granddaughter Charlotte; and three sisters. Funeral at 2 pm on Friday 20th October 1995 at the Hill Cemetery Chapel, Guildford Road, Horsham, West Sussex and flowers to Freeman Bros., 9 North Parade, Horsham, afterwards at the Kings Head Hotel, Horsham.

STEWARD - On Saturday October 7th peacefully at Whitlingham Hospital, Norwich, Jocelyn dearly loved aunt, great-aunt and great-great-aunt, aged 89 years. Funeral Service and interment at Marlingford Church, near Norwich, on Friday October 20th at 12 noon. Flowers to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

SUTCLIFF - Peacefully in her sleep, Beryl, much loved aunt and a very special lady. Funeral Service Monday October 16th 1995 at 11.30am at Chichester Crematorium.

THOMSON - James Alexander of Kenbank, Dalry, Kirkcudbrightshire, previously *of* Palacre, Dormans Park, died peacefully at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary on *10th October, after a* short illness. Husband of Minnie Dunlop Thomson, father of Gordon Meikiem and the late Hugh Fergus *Thomson*. Service at Masonhill Crematorium, Ayr, at 12 noon on Monday 16th October. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary can be sent to A.W. Harvie F/D, 40 Main Street, Dalry, Castle Douglas, DG7 3UW. *Thanksgiving Service in* London to be announced.

WARD LILLEY - Elisabeth, died peacefully after a long illness on Tuesday 10th October. *Loving* wife of Brian and mother of Sarah, Rachel and James *and* grandmother of Alexander. Funeral at Blythburgh Church, Suffolk, at 1 o'Clock on Tuesday 17th October. No flowers *please*, donations to the M.S. Society, c/o Phillips, 68 Alma Road, St Albans, Herts.

WECK - Katie Weck of Great Abington, Cambridgeshire, much loved wife of the late Dr. Richard Weck, C.B.E., F.R.S. Dear sister of Tony Barti, sister-in-law of Sheila and devoted aunt of Caroline, died on Saturday October 7th 1995 after a long and brave struggle against cancer. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel on Monday 16th October at 11.15 am. Family flowers only, but donations please for Cancer Research may be sent to H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge, CB1 6HS.

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SIR GEOFFREY WARNOCK

Sir Geoffrey Warnock, philosopher, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, 1971-88, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, 1981-85, died on October 8 aged 72. He was born on August 16, 1923.

GEOFFREY WARNOCK pursued two parallel careers at Oxford, as an eminent philosopher and a talented administrator at college and university level. He was a member of that group of young Oxford philosophers who were greatly influenced in the immediate postwar years by the work of J.L. Austin; and one of the services he performed to the memory of that remarkable man was to reconstruct, from fragmentary manuscript notes, a convincingly characteristic text (published in 1962) of the lectures which the latter regularly gave under the title *Sense and Sensibilia*.

Warnock's own work was distinguished by supreme lucidity of expression, an urbane style and moderation. His contributions covered a wide range. Besides his books on ethics and the history of philosophy, he published numerous elegant and persuasive papers in epistemology and the philosophy of language, edited a comprehensive and successful series of anthologies under the title *Oxford Readings in Philosophy* and gave, and took part in, many broadcast talks and discussions.

His *Berkeley* (1953) remains an excellent introduction to the work of that philosopher. His second book, *English Philosophy since 1900*, published in 1958, apart from its intrinsic merits as a survey of earlier works of the period, possesses a particular interest as marking the moment of pause, of deliberate limitation of objectives, which preceded the renewal of more systematic endeavours in the later part of the century. In *Contemporary Moral Philosophy* (1967) Warnock subjected some current views to a devastating critique: and this he followed up, in *The Object of Morality* (1971), with a positive account which, in its coolness and balance, sensitivity and humanity, was typical of the man, and may well be close to the truth.

He also published, in two different general surveys of the subject, summary yet comprehensive accounts of unsurpassed excellence of the philosophies of Kant and of Berkeley, the former of which has inspired more than one young philosopher with lasting enthusiasm for the work of that great man.

His last and perhaps most impressive contribution, written in retirement and published in 1989, was a book on the work of J.L. Austin. Warnock was among Austin's greatest admirers, but while he showed full appreciation of Austin's originality, his fastidious concern for accuracy led him to draw attention also to the mistakes which Austin, like all philosophers, sometimes made. The result is a model of balance and lucidity.

The son of a doctor who practised in Northern Ireland, Geoffrey James Warnock was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, being a scholar of both foundations. Between school and university he served in the Irish Guards (1942-45), took part in the advance into Germany and attained the rank of captain. In 1948 he gained a first in PPE. He was elected to a fellowship by examination in philosophy at Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1949, and was subsequently fellow and tutor, first of Brasenose (1950-53) and then of Magdalen (1953-71). During his tutorial years he made several visits to the United States and taught and lectured at a number of American universities. In 1973 he was elected to an honorary fellowship at New College, and also of Magdalen in 1980.

The other strand to Warnock's career, that of college and university administrator, was pursued with equal vigour. During his nearly two decades as Principal of Hertford, 1971-88, the college leapt spectacularly from the bottom to near the top of the university's academic league table. This was in part due to an unusual unconditional entrance scheme, encouraged by Warnock, which made it possible for some of its undergraduates to be accepted on the basis of an interview and school report alone, and without the need to take the entrance examination or to achieve A-level grades other than the two E grades required for university matriculation. It was a policy designed to attract pupils from the sixth forms of the new comprehensive schools with no Oxford tradition, and it worked as well as Warnock had hoped. During his time there, the college also started to accept women in 1974, one of the first five Oxford men's colleges to do so, and eventually became completely co-educational.

Warnock served as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford from 1981 to 1985, the first time for nearly a century that a Principal of Hertford had been chosen, succeeding the chemist Sir Rex Richards. It was a difficult period to hold the office, and one which was overshadowed by the gradual erosion of government funding of higher education, a development which Warnock publicly deplored. He was knighted in 1986.

Unfailingly courteous and controlled in manner, free from affectation or pretentiousness, efficient in action, witty and just in observation, Warnock possessed another side to his nature which revealed itself in the elegaic quality of his own verse and in his love of Italian opera. He published his *Poems* in 1956.

He retired in 1988, and said he was looking forward to "pottering about" at his home near Marlborough, Wiltshire, although he continued his work on J. L. Austin. He bore his final, disabling illness with stoicism; and showed his courage by attending the opening of Hertford's new student block — named Warnock House — only 12 days before his death. He made, on that occasion, an eloquent, witty and moving speech.

He married in 1949 Helen Mary Wilson (now Baroness Warnock), by whom he had three daughters and two sons, all of whom survive him. His wife, also a philosopher, went on to be Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge.

CAPTAIN JAMES DALGLISH

Captain James Dalglish, CVO, CBE, former commanding officer of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, died on October 6 aged 82. He was born on October 1, 1913.

AS THE first captain of the Royal Yacht *Britannia* when she was commissioned in 1954, James Dalglish was responsible for working up the new ship and making her ready for her inaugural official duty, in April of that year. This was to take the young Prince Charles and Princess Anne to Malta, on their way to meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who were on their way home from a Commonwealth tour in the Shaw Saville liner *SS Gothic*.

At Tobruk the new Royal Yacht took over from the *Gothic* and *Britannia* then brought the Royal Family home.

Dalglish's association with the Royal Yacht had begun a year earlier when she was still being built at John Brown's shipyard at Clydebank. She was to take over from the old Royal Yacht *Victoria and Albert*, then still in commission with a skeleton crew at Portsmouth, and it was Dalglish's responsibility to see to it that her ship's company (known as "yachtsmen") were inculcated with the traditions of *Britannia*'s predecessor.

As, first, *Britannia's* executive officer Dalglish was in charge of a myriad of details, ranging from selecting the 200 strong ship's company from among more than a thousand volunteers, through the design of the uniforms the yachtsmen were to wear, to supervising the installation of the ship's engines, funnel and masts. Appointed her captain in January 1954, he was responsible for the ship's sea trials which were conducted in often vile weather, as well as being the object of considerable publicity. One one occasion, in high winds, *Britannia* dragged her anchors off Greenock and was in danger of blowing broadside onto a sandbank. A tug was dispatched to help her but Dalglish's quick thinking and shiphandling skills managed to get her head into wind, and *Britannia* went out to sea to ride out the gale.

James Stephen Dalglish was born into a naval family in London and educated at Ampleforth College. From there he went to Dartmouth where his surname was swiftly translated by a fellow cadet into "Dogfish" and then "Fish", the nickname by which he was to be known throughout the Royal Navy for the rest of his life.

He began his sea service in 1931 in the battleship *Rodney* and throughout the 1930s served in a variety of ships ranging from battleships through cruisers to minesweepers. In 1937 he went to the gunnery school at Whale Island where he remained for the next two years. Between 1937 and 1939 he played rugby for the Navy on ten occasions.

On September 3, 1939, he was serving in the destroyer *Kempenfelt* and was in harbour at Portland for the famous twin signals "Commence hostilities against Germany" and "Winston is back" which began the Navy's war. In 1940 he was appointed gunnery officer to the Eighth Destroyer Flotilla. In the destroyer *Faulknor* he saw action off the coast of Norway in the period after the first Battle of Narvik, engaging German merchantmen and shore targets.

After the fall of France he went in *Faulknor* to the Mediterranean, where she was involved in convoy duties, often under heavy air attack. Over the next two years he was also to take part in Atlantic and Russian convoys.

From April 1942 Dalglish spent two years ashore, but in June 1944 went as gunnery officer to the brand new cruiser *Swiftsure*, which was immediately dispatched to the Far East as one of the first elements of the British Pacific Fleet. *Swiftsure* was part of the anti-aircraft screen of the task force for the assault on Okinawa in April 1945 and later, with the battleships *Howe* and *King George V*, moved in closer to the Japanese coast to bombard airfields on the island of Miyake Jima. In this period there was plenty of action for the six and four-inch guns under Dalglish's command.

Among Dalglish's postwar appointments were a spell as an instructor at Whale Island, and a tour in the Far East before he got his first command, of the battle class destroyer *Aisne*, in 1952. His command of the *Britannia* followed, Dalglish remaining with the ship after the end of the first Commonwealth tour and accompanying the summer visit to Canada. He was appointed CVO for his services in 1955.

Among his subsequent appointments were his command of the Inshore Flotilla, which involved him in patrolling off Cyprus, and a period as captain of the gunnery school at Whale Island. His last command was of the light fleet aircraft carrier *Bulwark*, which he joined just after she had played an important role in foiling the Iraqi plan to invade Kuwait in July 1961. During Dalglish's period in command a second threat to Kuwait was feared, and *Bulwark* again had to be on standby.

In the event it did not materialise and the *Bulwark* went on a cruise to the Far East and Australia, finally returning to Plymouth in December 1962. Dalglish retired shortly afterwards. He was appointed CBE in 1963.

In retirement he served as Welfare Officer to the Metropolitan Police, 1963-73. He finally retired to Yorkshire to indulge his passion for painting and to write his memoir *The Life Story of a Fish* (1992).

He is survived by his wife Eve, whom he married in 1939, and by a son and a daughter.

RACHEL SCHLESINGER

James and Rachel Schlesinger with two of their daughters visiting the nuclear test site on Amchitka Island in 1971

Rachel Mellinger Schlesinger, editor and businesswoman, died from cancer on October 10 aged 65. She was born on February 27, 1930.

RACHEL SCHLESINGER was the wife, partner and support of James Schlesinger, who served in Cabinet positions in three American administrations.

Her husband held senior posts under both Republican and Democrat presidents. He was director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Nixon Administration in 1973; then Secretary of Defence, 1973-75, in both the Nixon and Ford Administrations; and President Carter's Secretary of Energy, 1977-79. Rachel Schlesinger was the mother of a large family, and not only gave her husband loving support in these important years for American policy, but also helped to shape his judgments. On more than one occasion she also provided him with vital assistance in his work.

Rachel Line Mellinger, as she was before her marriage, was born in Springfield, Ohio, and grew up on the family farm. Her father's family had migrated to southwestern Ohio from Pennsylvania Dutch country early in the 19th century. Her father was a livestock raiser, a self-styled "dirt farmer", who managed to survive the Depression. An outstanding student at Springfield High School, Rachel Mellinger won a scholarship to Radcliffe College, then the Women's College at Harvard University, in 1948. At Radcliffe she majored and won honours in American history and literature.

Afterwards she moved to New York and became college editor at *Mademoiselle* magazine. In 1954 she married James Schlesinger, whom she had known since college. Briefly she became a freelance writer, but soon devoted her time entirely to family life. The couple, who lived over the years in Arlington, Massachusetts; Charlottesville, Virginia; Newport, Rhode Island; Santa Monica, California; and Arlington, Virginia, had eight children.

Rachel Schlesinger had mixed feelings about her husband's government service. Only rarely did she involve herself in public issues. One such occasion occurred in 1971 when her husband was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The commission was about to test the warhead for the *Spartan* missile in the Aleutian Islands, and there were widespread protests in this country and overseas, primarily associated with the peace movement and the environmental movement. It was said that the underground detonation would initiate an earthquake and a Sunami wave that would inflict widespread damage throughout the Pacific.

Rachel Schlesinger simply packed up two of her daughters and headed with her husband to Amchitka Island, where the test was to take place. The action of the family in going to the island quieted much of the alarm that the prospective test had generated.

In 1975 she accompanied her husband on an extended trip to Asia. It was the first visit to Japan by a US Secretary of Defence since the Second World War and this trip again generated widespread protests, but also an outpouring of support.

The trip occurred after the fall of Saigon. Kim Il-Sung was uttering threats to overrun South Korea, just as South Vietnam had earlier been overrun, and in South Korea, there was great concern regarding the strength of the American commitment. The visit of Rachel Schlesinger and her husband did much to reassure the Korean Government and public that American support was steadfast, and that North Korea would not be given any latitude for aggressive actions.

In the 1980s with her children leaving home, she again became active in local and charitable affairs. A dedicated musician, she played the violin with the Arlington Symphony Orchestra from 1983. She also served on the board of directors of that orchestra from 1987 and on the executive committee from 1990.

Rachel Schlesinger was a deacon of the Georgetown Presbyterian Church, and taught in the Sunday school there. For a number of years she distributed sandwiches to the homeless in Georgetown. In the 1980s she acquired a farm near Bentonville in the Shenandoah Valley and began to grow Christmas trees. She called the business FFV (Fresh From Virginia), and delivered the trees herself. Despite the glamour of much official life Rachel Schlesinger always referred to herself as a country girl.

She is survived by her husband, and by her four sons and four daughters.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The official opening of The Leadership Trust's new second training centre will take place on Thursday 12 October in Ross-on-Wye. It will be attended by some of the Trust's major customers as well as local dignitaries and VIPs. The Training Centre will be named "The Gilbert-Smith Centre" by David and Janet Gilbert-Smith. Mr Gilbert-Smith is the Founder of The Leadership Trust (established 1975) and was Chief Executive until his retirement in late 1993.

The Official Opening will coincide with the launch of the Trust's new Chief Executives' and Managing Directors' course by their Chief Executive, Mr Paul Winter.

BARNETT, DONALD FRANK BARNETT late of Chatham, Kent died there on 27 December 1994. (Estate about £200,000).

CLARK nee SHAW, ALICE CECILIA CLARK nee SHAW, Widow late of Wimbledon, London SW19 died there on 8 November 1994. (Estate about £12,000).

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KACZMARCZYK, STANISLOW KACZMARCZYK otherwise STAN KACZMARCZYK late of Newport, Gwent died there on 4 March 1972. (Estate about £12,000).

KENNEDY, JAMES KENNEDY late of Corby, Northamptonshire died at Kettering, Northamptonshire on 24 June 1995. (Estate about £100,000).

KUSZNIR, MYKOLA KUSZNIR late of Northampton died there on 25 June 1994. (Estate about £4,800).

METCALFE nee BARLOW, ADA LILIAN METCALFE otherwise ADA METCALFE nee BARLOW Widow late of Holborn, London WC1 died there on 22 December 1992. (Estate about £4,500).

SHAW, FLORENCE LOUISA SHAW Spinster late of Muswell Hill, London N10 died at Islington, London N19 on 15 March 1995. (Estate about £100,000).

SILVERTHORNE, WILLIAM ALBERT SILVERTHORNE late of Deptford, London SE8 died there on 28 May 1993. (Estate about £5,200).

TAYLOR, REGINALD TAYLOR late of York died there on 12 November 1991. (Estate about £15,000).

TURNER THOMAS EDWARD TURNER late of Epsom, Surrey died there on 3 March 1992. (Estate about £6,000).

WHARNSBY, ARTHUR EDWARD, DOUGLAS WHARNSBY late of Notting Hill, London W11 died there on 5 August 1994. (Estate about £6,000).

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitors may take steps to administer the estate.

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WATERHOUSE (F & M) LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that:
1. the above named Company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring its own shares by purchase
2. the amount of the permissible capital payment for the shares in question is £18,920.00
3. the date for the resolution for payment out of capital is 7th October 1995
4. a statutory declaration and auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the resolution for payment out of capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated the 10th day of October 1995
BRIAN DIXON WOOD, Company Secretary.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Liquidators
Name of Company:
SPRY FINANCE LIMITED

Nature of business: Investment Company. Address of registered office: Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH. Joint Liquidators names and address: G H Hughes and S J L Adamson, Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU. Date of appointment: 2 October 1995. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SPRY FINANCE LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)

The creditors of the above-named company are requested, on or before 1 November 1995 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Joint Liquidators of the company, at Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
Date: 2 October 1995
G H Hughes, Joint Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SUNBEACH HOLIDAYS LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 1 Snow Hill, London, EC1A 2EN on the 27th day of October 1995 at 10.30am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.

On the two business days preceding the day of the meeting, a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 1 Snow Hill, London, EC1A 2EN.
DATED this 6th day of October 1995
By Order of the Board
R.D. JENKINS, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 008949 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF EUROCAMP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 27th day of September 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company as at the 27th September 1995.

AND NOTICE BE FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by Mr Registrar Buckley at the Companies Court, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 25th day of October 1995.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 10th day of October 1995
Alsop Wilkinson of 11 St James's Square, Manchester M2 6DR. Ref: AH/JM/G-4538/476. Solicitors for the above-named Company.

BOYDEN DATA PAPERS LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuant of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held in the Aldwych Room, Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Wednesday the first of November 1995 at 10.00am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers. A copy of the report is available, free of charge, on written request to the Joint Administrative Receivers at Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if:
1. he has given to the Joint Administrative Receivers, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted.
2. there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receiver, any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

DATED this tenth day of October 1995
P R SYKES, Joint Administrative Receiver

ON THIS DAY

October 12 1921

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In 1913, Gwyneth Bebb, later Mrs Thomson, brought an action against the Law Society to gain admission to the legal profession. Her action failed, but after the Sex Disqualification Removal Act became law Lincoln's Inn accepted her as a student

WOMAN BAR STUDENT'S HONOURS.

DEATH OF MRS THOMSON.

Mrs Gwyneth Marjory Thomson, O.B.E., M.A. Oxon., died at Birmingham on October 9, in her 32nd year. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock today at Tewkesbury Abbey.

Mrs Thomson, who was the daughter of the late Canon Ll. J. M. Bebb, of Brasenose College, Oxford, and St. David's College, Lampeter, will be remembered for her courageous struggle for admission as a woman to the legal profession. Before her marriage she brought an action, "Bebb v. the Law Society," which was heard on July 2, 1913, before Mr. Justice Joyce in the Chancery Division, seeking a declaration that she was a "person" within the meaning of the Solicitors Act, 1843, and the amending Acts, and was therefore entitled to be admitted to the preliminary examination of the Law Society. Her case was stated by Mr. Buckmaster, K.C. (now Lord Buckmaster), whose main contention was that the office of an attorney or solicitor was not a public office, but a private profession, and that therefore women were not disqualified. The action, however, failed, his Lordship having no doubt that women were disqualified by their sex from acting as solicitors. The appeal, heard on December 9 and 10, 1913, was also unsuccessful. Lord R. Cecil, for the appellant, took fresh ground, contending that there was no absolute sex disqualification which prevented women from holding public offices, and Sir R. B. Finlay (now Lord Finlay), in reply, relied on inveterate usage. The Court, in dismissing the appeal, held that the existing disability had not been destroyed by the Act of 1843.

Miss Bebb had been educated at St. Mary's College, Lancaster-gate, and St. Hugh's College, Oxford, where she obtained a first class in the honour school of Jurisprudence in June, 1911, and from September, 1911, to March, 1917, she was employed as an investigating officer by the Board of Trade. She married Mr. Thomas Weldon Thomson, solicitor, son of Captain William Thomson, Seaforth Highlanders, of Cloon Eavin, Co. Down. The day after the Sex Disqualification Removal Act of 1919 became law, the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn accepted Mrs Thomson's application for admission as a student with a view to her being called to the Bar, and about the same time she gave birth to a daughter. Her name as a student of Lincoln's Inn appears in the Trinity term class lists of the Council of Legal Education, published in *The Times* of May 26 last; she obtained a first class in criminal law and procedure.

Mrs Thomson was energetic in war work, for which she received the O.B.E. For six months in 1917 she was Commissioner of the West Midland Division, National Service for Women, and for three years till August 1920 she was Assistant Commissioner for Enforcement, Ministry of Food, Midland Division.

THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 1995

NEWS

Longer sentences for burglars

■ Michael Howard will try to restore the Government's *reputation on law and order today* with a fresh package of anti-crime measures, including longer prison sentences for persistent burglars.

The Home Secretary will continue the effort to lift morale after populist announcements — including a crackdown on benefit abuse — and a barnstorming speech from Michael Heseltine at the Tory conference........................**Pages 1, 10, 11**

Employers face tax bill for perks

■ Employers could face a tax bill of up to £3 billion for providing staff perks. As a result, millions of employees might lose benefits such as private health insurance, low-cost loans and travel. Treasury officials have drawn up proposals to raise the extra money through National Insurance ....**Page 1**

Father's medal

A two-year-old girl with a blue ribbon in her hair met the Queen at Buckingham Palace to collect the George Medal awarded to her father who died seven weeks before she was born..............**Page 1**

Car tax clamps

Motorists who fail to display valid car tax discs are to have their vehicles wheel-clamped by private clamping firms.........**Page 1**

Railtrack sale

A *£2 billion* stock market flotation of Railtrack next spring was given the green light by Sir *George Young, the Transport* Secretary ....**Page 1**

West trial

A mother who called at 25 Cromwell Street in a search for her daughter was greeted by a woman wearing the missing teenager's slippers, Winchester Crown Court was told. The woman was Rosemary West, she said ....**Page 3**

Footballer jailed

Duncan Ferguson, the Scotland centre-forward twice sold for £4 *million*, became *the first* professional and international footballer to be jailed for a violent incident on the pitch ....**Page 5**

Fertility rankings

Infertile couples trying for a test-tube baby are almost five times more likely to succeed at some clinics than others ....**Page 6**

Education appeal

Parents of pupils at a secondary school have been asked to pay £120 towards their children's education ....**Page 8**

Equal pay claim

A woman has won the right to claim compensation because the man who took over her job was paid more for the same work. The case could provoke scores of claims ....**Page 12**

OJ television protest

Hundreds of irate callers deluged NBC with protests before the American television network *cancelled its interview with O. J.* Simpson ....**Page 14**

PM's raunchy novel

India's scholarly Prime Minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao, 74, whose literary reputation rests on translations of worthy tomes from his native Telugu, has secretly written a raunchy novel of sex, love and power ....**Page 15**

Bosnia ceasefire

Both sides in Bosnia's bloody 41-month war have agreed to a ceasefire that diplomats hope will bring an end to the conflict. It was set to have taken effect at a minute past midnight .....**Page 16**

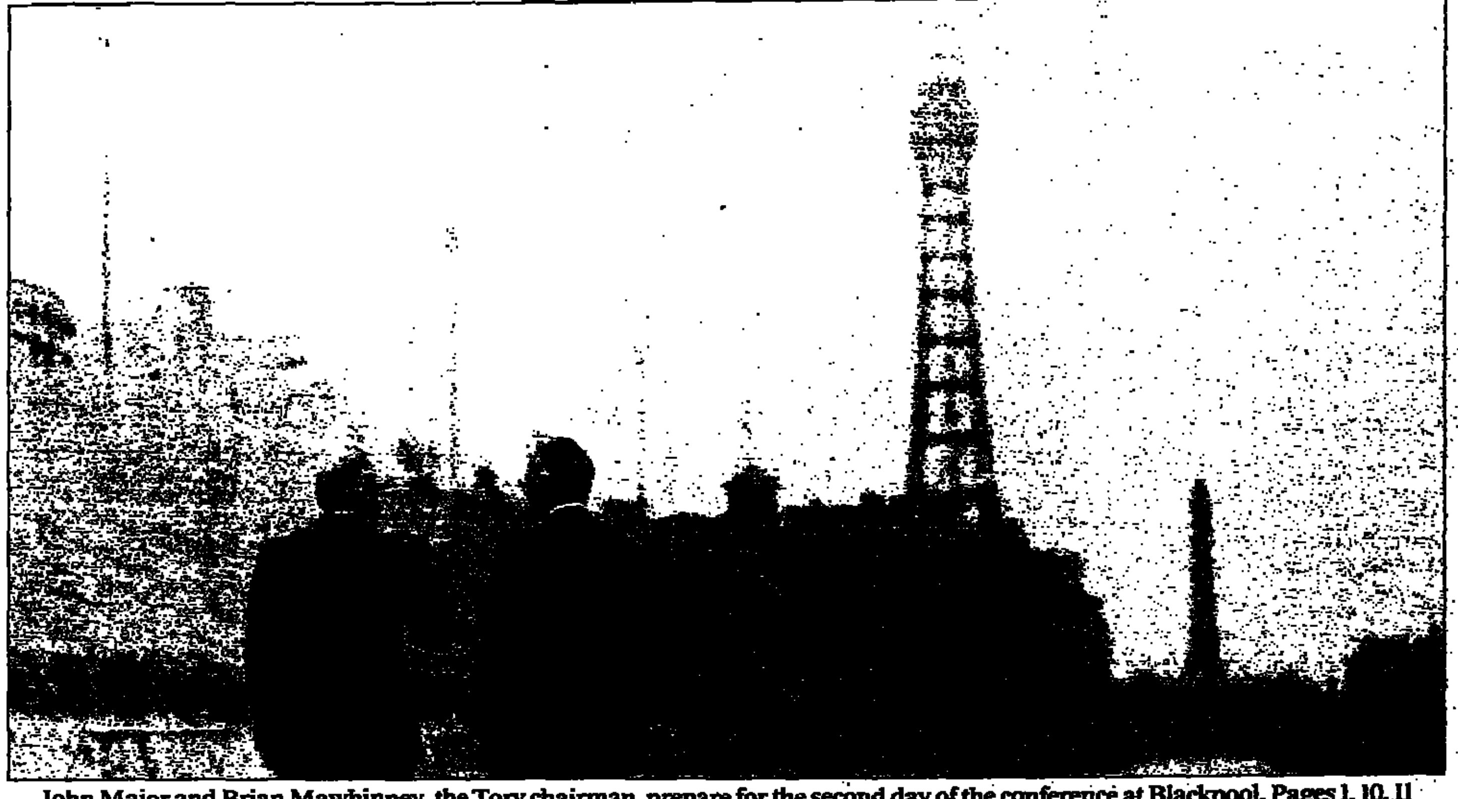
Juppé escape

Alain Juppé, the French Prime Minister, broke the law when he rented a city-owned flat, but should not be charged, a public prosecutor ruled.............**Page 17**

Here is the news in English

■ Trevor McDonald, the Trinidadian-born ITN newscaster who grew up in awe of posh voices on the BBC World Service, was appointed chairman of a new committee to improve children's spoken English. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, announced that Mr McDonald would lead a £250,000 crusade to "replace communication by grunt" ..**Page 1**

BOB COLLIER



John Major and Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, prepare for the second day of the conference at Blackpool. Pages 1, 10, 11

BUSINESS

Railtrack: Railtrack has secured its place in the pre-election privatisation queue and will be offered for sale through a stock market flotation next April or May ......**Page 25**

Classics: Great names from Britain's motoring past, such as Riley, Triumph and Austin-Healey, will be revived by BMW as the German company tries to boost sales with famous brand names ....**Page 25**

Economy: Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, appeared to rule out interest rate cuts because he believes the economy is not heading for recession ....**Page 25**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 14.2 to 3474.3. Sterling remained unchanged at 84.5 after a fall from $1.5776 to $1.5736 but a rise from DM2.2366 to DM2.2424....**Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Northern Ireland beat Liechtenstein 4-0 to complete their away matches unbeaten in group six of the European championship qualifying series ....**Page 48**

Golf: Twelve of the world's leading players are competing in the 32nd World Match Play Championship but Greg Norman, Nick Faldo and Corey Pavin are missing .. **Page 46**

Rugby union: Bristol players will no longer be a target for predators after the club set up a mechanism to introduce contracts as soon as the RFU's moratorium on payments is lifted .... **Page 48**

Racing: Frankie Dettori, the champion jockey, was banned for ten days for irresponsible riding at Pontefract. It was his third offence of the season ....**Page 45**

The week's films: Terence Davies loses his movie magic as he moves from Liverpool to the American Deep South for *The Neon Bible*: while a beautiful alien terrorises Los Angeles in Roger Donaldson's ugly movie, *Species* .... **Page 40**

Long career: At the age of 97, Hans Feibusch is the great artistic survivor. A new exhibition celebrates his work... **Page 40**

Son of: Stephen Bogart spent years pretending he wasn't the son of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Now he's written a book about a famous father ....**Page 41**

Theatrical scare: The plot may creak but there are still things to enjoy in Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller, *Gaslight*, now revived for a British tour.......................**Page 42**

Family skeleton: Martin Fletcher talks to Candace Gingrich, the lesbian sister, about Newt's anti-gay stance ....**Page 19**

Three's company: Giles Coren meets Paul Gambaccini whose arrival on Radio 3 has provoked fury ....**Page 19**

Eating disorders: Compassion has replaced coercion in the treatment of anorexia nervosa .... **Page 18**

Grand Old Persons: Robert Blake reviews Roy Jenkins's Gladstone; novels by Arthur Miller, Philip Roth and Iris Murdoch; Roy Foster on Ireland; Sarah Hogg's Downing Street years..............**Pages 38, 39**

Be nice: The English Tourist Board on greeting visitors **36, 37**

Any politician who thinks the teachers' *unions are beyond control* might remember that this was the conventional wisdom about British *Coal — untouchable*. Then Maggie Thatcher launched a step-by-step reform of trade union law. It worked —*Wall Street Journal*

One can only hope that Mr Clinton is not trying to suggest that Republicans are to blame for the Amtrak disaster because they they blocked the President's over-reaching terrorism bill — *Washington Times*

Preview: Alan Bleasdale piles on the agony in *Jake's Progress* (Channel 4, 9pm); **Review:** Matthew Bond warmly welcomes the return of Delia Smith ....**Page 47**

Gentle Shephard

Conviction wins more votes than charm. It is time for Mrs Shephard to live up to her Disraelian maxim: "In a progressive country change is constant".......................**Page 21**

Trust in history

Where sociability and trust break down, economic and social decline will follow: Fukuyama argues that inner-city America, the republics of the former Soviet Union and southern Italy have this social deficit in common..............................**Page 21**

Crime does not pay-TV

The two major Pay-TV distributors, *influenced by public opinion*, balked at handling O. J. Simpson's revelations..........................**Page 21**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Many Conservatives now believe that Maastricht was "a treaty too far" and that the single currency is a dodo, a bird that cannot fly and is about to become extinct. Yet these same Conservatives believe in European co-operation..... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

The litmus test of the seriousness of any politician is their attitude to public spending and taxes. Do they *pretend that the tax burden can be* reduced at the same time as public services are improved? .....**Page 10**

JOHN BRYANT

In 1944 a Rugby Union team played a Rugby League team in Bradford. The league players, who received £3 each for their expenses and a free razor, won the game 15-10. Perhaps now, with the 100-year rugby war over, it's time for a return match.........................**Page 46**

Sir Geoffrey Warnock, philosopher and Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University; **Captain James Dalgliesh**, commanding officer of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*; **Rachel Schlesinger**, writer.............**Page 23**

Michael Portillo's speech; British envoys; Friends of the Earth commercial; beggars on the streets; fall in property values...............**Page 21**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ THEATRE
Benedict Nightingale reviews Rufus Sewell (left) as a terrorist in *Rat in the Skull*

■ PLUS . . .
Valerie Grove talks to Gillian Howarth (right), wife of the Tory who defected to Labour

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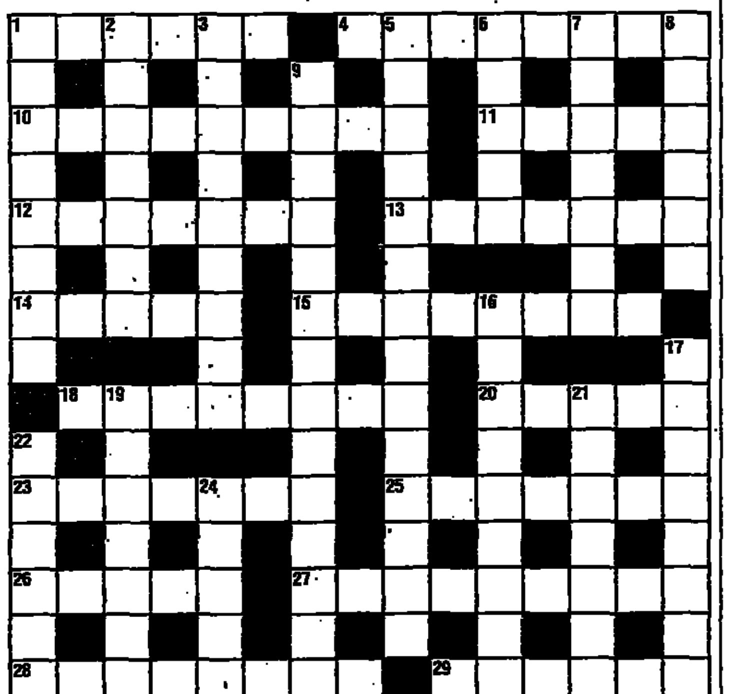

ACROSS

1 12 — former philosopher and historian (6).
4 A rabble-rouser, but a good mixer, we hope (8).
10 Mistress detailed books of the greatest significance (9).
11 Retired officer accepts soldier's *method of reasoning* (5).
12 Dig up a hunter that works (7).
13 Continuous directions grasped by *Bottom only?* (3-4).
14 It's mostly functioning as a protein (5).
15 *It restricts movement at the head* of the bay (8).
18 Game bird, as used to feed *animals* (8).
20 Inspect troops, say, for entertainment (5).
23 *Soldiers do duty as Terriers* (7).
25 Club restaurant used without hesitation (7).
26 *The creature comes from Louisiana after all!* (5).
27 Colouring obtained from fowl and fish, it's said (9).
28 A place for plants and stolen game (8).
29 Not just an amusement park — not at first (6).

DOWN

1 Advocacy of marriage (8).
2 Reap reward initially in own way (7).
3 Notes from member, each containing instant cash (9).
5 Have *revenge* — *inflict punish*ment on a fellow team member (3,4,3,4).
6 Bird's claw found in part of a lock (5).
7 Get thin, possibly, and become more tense (7).
8 Goes over again and removes daughter from military police (6).
9 After breaking into plants, criminals act with undue haste (4,4,6).
16 *Pub ban imposed on Scotsman* — he's a lout (9).
17 Priest always embracing students is a party-goer (8).
19 Parvenu requires opening after going to London (7).
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24 Electronic device requires part for a diode (5).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Strathclyde 0.22in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 8.8hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** western and northern parts of England and Wales will be cloudy and patchy rain is expected in the north. Elsewhere the fog will lift during the morning to leave a *bright day with some sunshine but it* will become misty again overnight.

Northern Ireland and southern Scotland will be cloudy with patchy rain during the day. The cloud will become more fragmented further north, giving many places a bright *day with some sunshine.*

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N:** foggy start, bright later with sunny spells. Wind south light. Warm. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England:** mainly cloudy. Wind south light to moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** cloudy, some brighter intervals. Wind north light. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** *cloudy, patchy* rain. Wind northeast light. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands:** cloudy, some brighter intervals. Wind north light. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright, some sunshine. Wind west light to moderate, fresh in the north. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** patchy rain edging north, brighter weather further south.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1 0	-	13	55	c
Anglesey	*0 8*	-	*18*	*64*	*c*
Aspatria	1.1	0 03	16	61	r
Aviemore	1.3	-	15	59	c
Belfast	0 1	-	15	59	du
Birmingham	2 0	-	18	64	b
Bognor R	-	-	17	63	du
Bournem'th	-	-	17	63	du
Bristol	3 0	-	21	70	s
Buxton	2.2	-	15	59	c
Cardiff	2 1	-	18	64	b
Clacton	2 1	-	18	64	fg
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	3.6	-	22	72	b
Cromer	7 0	-	18	64	s
Doncaster	X				
Eastbourne	-	-	16	61	fg
Edinburgh	1.3	0 03	16	61	r
Eskdalemuir	2.7	0 03	14	57	r
Exmouth	0.2	-	16	61	du
Falmouth	0 5	-	15	59	fg
Fishguard	X	-	19	66	c
Folkestone	-	-	16	61	fg
Glasgow	0.8	0.06	16	61	r
Guernsey	7 1	-	22	72	s
Hastings	-	-	15	59	fg
Hayling I.	0 2	-	16	61	du
Herne Bay	4 3	-	19	66	s
Hove	0 1	-	17	63	du
Hunstanton	8.8	-	20	68	s
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	1 0	-	16	61	*du*
Jersey	8 7	-	22	72	s
Kinloss	0.7	-	16	61	c
Leeds	1.5	-	18	64	c
Lerwick	0 6	0 06	11	52	c
Littlehmptn	-	-	*18*	*64*	*fg*
Liverpool	0.8	-	17	63	c
London	4.4	-	23	73	s
Lowestoft	*2.0*	-	*17*	*63*	*c*
Manchester	2.6	-	17	63	b
Margate	0.5	-	16	61	fg
Minehead	4.9	-	20	68	b
Morecambe	1.5	-	18	64	du
Newcastle	1.8	-	16	61	c
Newquay	0.6	-	17	63	c
Norwich	X				
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	3.3	-	20	68	s
Penzance	X	-	15	59	fg
Plymouth	X				
Poole	0.3	-	18	64	c
Prestatyn	X	-	21	70	s
Ross-o-wye	1.4	-	20	68	c
Ryde	X				
Salcombe	0.3	-	15	59	du
Sandown	0.2	-	17	63	du
Saunton Snd	4.7	-	20	68	s
Scarboro'	4.0	-	17	63	b
Shanklin	X				
Shrewsbury	2.1	-	18	64	b
Skegness	8.0	-	18	64	s
Southend	2.8	0.01	19	66	c
Southport	1.5	-	17	63	c
Southsea	-	-	16	61	fg
St. Ives	X				
Stornoway	1.0	0.05	14	57	r
Swanage	-	-	17	63	c
Teignmouth	0.2	-	16	61	du
Tenby	*2.2*	-	*17*	*63*	*c*
Tiree	0.5	0.01	15	59	r
Torquay	0.2	-	16	61	fg
Tynemouth	1.2	-	15	59	c
Ventnor	0.2	-	17	63	du
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	-	-	17	63	c

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f
Algiers	*27*	*81*	*s*
Amst'dm	16	61	c
Athens	21	70	s
B Aires	20	68	s
Bahrain	35	95	s
Bangkok	*33*	*91*	*f*
Barbados	29	84	c
Barcelona	21	70	f
Beirut	25	77	s
Belfast	14	57	r
Belgrade	22	72	s
Berlin	21	70	s
Bermuda	27	81	f
Biarritz	26	79	X
Bordo'x	24	75	X
Brussels	*15*	*59*	*fg*
Budapst	23	73	s
Cairo	28	82	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s
Ch'church	11	52	X
Chicago	19	66	s
Cologne	16	61	c
Corfu	25	77	s
C'phagn	16	61	s
Dublin	*16*	*61*	*f*
Dubrovnik	23	73	s
Faro	24	75	s
Florence	23	73	s
Frankfurt	15	59	c
Funchal	*22*	*72*	*f*
Geneva	19	66	s
Gibraltar	21	70	c
Helsinki	15	59	s
Hong K	26	79	f
Innsbrck	*21*	*70*	*s*
Istanbul	17	63	f
Jeddah	37	99	s
Jo'burg	X		
L Angels	21	70	s
L Palmas	*24*	*75*	*f*
Le Touqt	17	63	f
Lisbon	18	64	s
Locarno	23	73	f
Luxembg	15	59	c
Luxor	33	91	s
Madrid	20	68	f
Majorca	25	77	s
Malaga	24	75	s
Malta	*22*	*72*	*c*
Melb'rne	15	59	c
Mexico C	X		
Milan	23	73	f
Montreal	16	61	s
Moscow	*12*	*54*	*c*
Munich	18	64	s
N Delhi	33	91	s
N York	21	70	s
Nairobi	27	81	f
Naples	25	77	s
Nice	23	73	s
Oslo	13	55	s
Paris	19	66	s
Peking	19	66	s
Perth	*18*	*64*	*f*
Prague	17	63	s
Reykjavik	6	43	c
Rhodes	24	75	s
Rio de J	24	75	f
Riyadh	*36*	*97*	*s*
Rome	23	73	s
S Frisco	19	66	s
S Paulo	23	73	c
Salzburg	19	66	s
Santiago	23	73	s
Seoul	23	73	s
Sing'por	28	82	f
St'kholm	14	57	s
Strasb'rg	*17*	*63*	*c*
Sydney	30	86	f
Tangier	22	72	f
Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Tenerife	26	79	f
Tokyo	21	70	s
Toronto	16	61	f
Tunis	23	73	f
Valencia	19	66	f
Vanc'ver	14	57	f
Venice	23	73	f
Vienna	18	64	s
Warsaw	22	72	s
Wash'ton	23	73	f
Wel'ngton	10	50	c
Zurich	*16*	*61*	*c*

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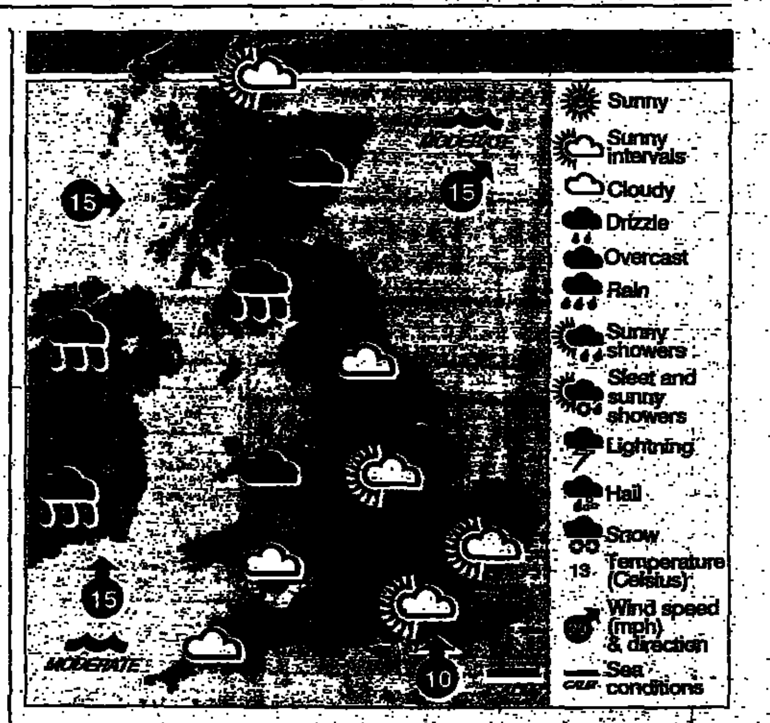

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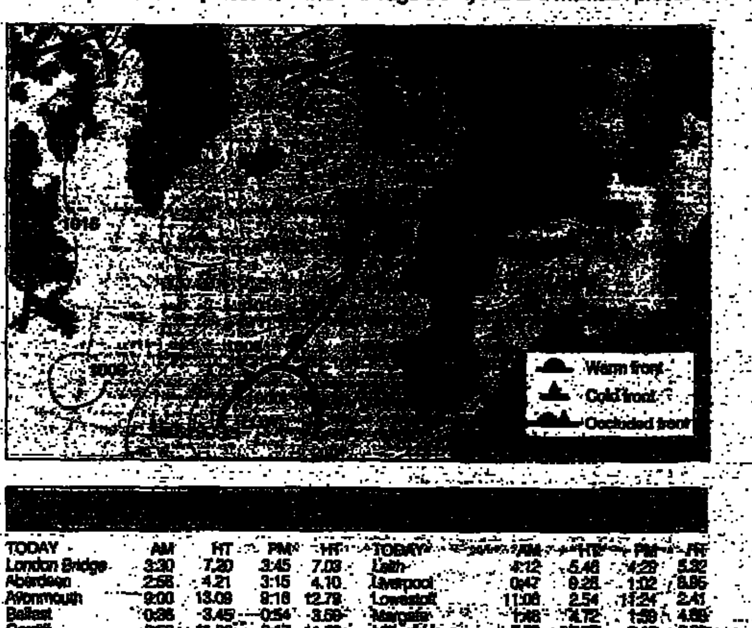

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Aberdeen	2:58	4.21	3:15	4.10
Avonmouth	9:00	13.09	9:18	12.79
Belfast	0:36	3.45	0:54	3.59
Cardiff	8:59	11.88	9:17	11.52
Devonport	7:28	5.33	7:41	5.19
Dover	0:36	6.34	0:49	6.59
Dublin	1:07	4.09	1:30	4.02
Falmouth	7:07	5.02	7:21	4.77
Glasgow	2:35	4.59	2:49	4.70
Harwich	1:32	4.00	1:45	4.06
Holyhead	—	—	0:03	5.39
Hull	8:03	7.36	8:21	7.17
Ilfracombe	7:43	8.84	8:05	8.70
King's Lynn	8:09	6.54	8:27	6.38

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	4:12	5.46	4:29	5.32
Liverpool	0:47	9.28	1:02	8.95
Lowestoft	11:06	2.54	11:24	2.41
Margate	1:46	4.72	1:59	4.86
Milford Haven	7:58	6.77	8:16	6.62
Newquay	6:52	6.63	7:11	6.42
Oban	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.82
Penzance	6:25	5.24	6:42	5.12
Portland	8:28	2.04	8:40	1.89
Portsmouth	0:57	4.68	1:15	4.41
Shoreham	1:01	6.18	1:13	6.08
Southampton	0:27	4.41	[illegible]	4.36
Swansea	8:03	9.24	8:22	9.07
Tees	5:20	5.26	5:40	5.12
W'ton-on-Nze	1:27	4.11	1:38	4.18

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Sun sets: 6.15 pm
Moon sets: 11.14 am
Moon rises: 6.25 pm
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London 6.15 pm to 7.20 am
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Manchester 6.21 pm to 7.31 am
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Railtrack lined up for £2bn flotation

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

RAILTRACK has secured its place in the Government's crowded pre-election privatisation queue and will be offered for sale through a stock market flotation next April or May.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, yesterday confirmed to the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool that a share issue, likely to raise between £1.5 billion and £2 billion, has been pencilled in for the spring.

With the sale of Nuclear Electric booked for the summer, there had been fears that the slow progress of rail privatisation could bounce the Railtrack flotation into the autumn. By then, the markets are likely to be dominated by pre-election turbulence, giving the Government's City advisers the almost impossible task of trying to sell the company.

Officially, the Government is committed only to selling "at least 51 per cent" of Railtrack, although it is expected that 100 per cent will eventually be sold. Since the 1984 flotation of British Telecom, nearly all privatisations have seen a 100 per cent sale of shares. Leaving 49 per cent of Railtrack in public hands would leave the company vulnerable to a low-cost share buy-back by a Labour government.

Marketing for the Railtrack sale is still in its early stages but Government advisers are determined to generate substantial small investor interest in the sale to offset the massive market power of the City instituitions. One factor being taken into account is the "anorak power" of the estimated one million railway enthusiasts in Britain, many of whom who are certain to buy into the railway infrastructure.

A Tell Sid campaign of the sort that attracted 5.4 million investors to British Gas is being ruled out, with the lower-key water privatisation seen as a more likely model for Railtrack. The sale involves the transfer of 23,000 miles of track, 1,000 tunnels, 90,000 bridge spans and culverts, 2,500 stations and 40,000 commercial properties to the private sector.

City advisers to the Railtrack sale admit that it is by far the most difficult flotation to date, partly because of the Government's diminishing ideological interest in privatisation. One City source said: "With a seven-seat majority, and falling, the Conservative Party is not into privatisation mode and the drive has gone out of the civil servants. Many are looking over their backs as the election approaches and don't want to be seen as too enthusiastic about a policy that may be reversed."

In addition, Railtrack has the added complications of a customer base likely to remain dependent on a massive public subsidy for the forseeable future and the sheer complexity of the model for rail privatisation chosen by the Government. The early date set for the flotation means that only a handful, if any, of the 25 passenger train operators, will have been transferred to the private sector when it goes ahead. But Government advisers believe that contracts in place, guaranteeing revenue for Railtrack regardless of whether its customers are in the public or private sector, will be sufficient to woo investors.

Railtrack last month announced pre-tax profits of £189 million, on turnover of £2.3 billion, for its first 12 months as an independent entity.

JAMES MORGAN

Key to a fortune: Peter Dawe yesterday after selling Unipalm for £97 million

Turning £7,000 into £22m

By Philip Pangalos

THE founder of a computer group has seen his initial investment of £7,000 turned into more than £22 million. Yesterday, Peter Dawe, who borrowed £2,000 from his father-in-law to set up Unipalm in 1986, was celebrating its sale for £97 million to an American company.

Mr Dawe, who is managing director of Unipalm Group, the largest UK access provider for the Internet, the international computer network, is the main beneficiary as he owns 23.9 per cent of his company. Although he has not taken any money out of the business since he started it, apart from a salary, he intends to realise about £500,000 only from his stake in the short term. He will maintain a shareholding in the merged entity.

Shares in Unipalm, which was floated on the London stock market in March 1994 at 100p a share, have been on a roller-coaster ride since August when the company first announced possible bid talks, with speculators pushing them above the £6 level at one time. Yesterday, they ended 4p higher at 414p as UUNET Technologies of the US emerged as the mystery bidder for Unipalm. The Virginia-based group, which is one of the leading Internet service providers in the world, made a 450p a share recommended offer for the UK group. UUNET has already received firm commitments for its offer from 48.8 per cent of Unipalm's shareholders.

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Clarke advised how to cut £3bn off income tax

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

KENNETH CLARKE could cut income tax by up to £3 billion in his Budget next month without being irresponsible, the Institute of Fiscal Studies argues in its annual "Green Budget". This could cut up to 2p in the pound off the basic rate of tax.

The Chancellor could fund income tax cuts between £2 billion and £3 billion by small reductions in planned public spending, small increases in other taxes and by borrowing slighter more than on current policies, the IFS says. These projections are, however, based on economic forecasts from Goldman Sachs that are more optimistic than many private forecasters.

Goldman Sachs and the IFS expect a £27 billion 1995-96 public sector borrowing requirement, at the lower end of City forecasts.

Goldman projects a 1996-97 PSBR of £16 billion, the same as the Treasury. It expects economic growth to be 2.9 per cent, against the Treasury's 2.8 per cent, and inflation to end 1996 a full point above the Treasury's 2.5 per cent target.

On this basis, the IFS says that £3 billion of tax cuts could leave borrowing within 2.5 per cent of national income, which it regards as the "golden rule" to keep the national debt at a sustainable level across the economic cycle.

Of the likely tax options, the IFS calculates that a straight cut in the standard rate would help the wealthiest most and an equivalent rise in income tax allowances would do most for the poor, taking 900,000 out of the tax net and easing a like number into lower tax bands. A third option would be to widen the lower 20 per tax band from £3,200 of income to £6,250. This would leave 40 per cent of income tax payers with a marginal rate of 20 per cent and would most favour families with incomes moderately above the average.

The IFS argues that tax relief on profit related pay has outlived its purpose.

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Chancellor sees no need to cut rates

By Our Financial Editor

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, does not envisage cutting interest rates because the economy is not heading for recession, he suggested in his regular monetary meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England last month.

In the minutes of the meeting that took place on September 7, the Chancellor said that although there was no case for increasing interest rates, there was also in his view no case for reducing them. "He judged that the economy was not on the brink of recession."

This cautious attitude is likely to dismay those who hope that dull conditions at home and falling interest rates abroad could allow interest rates to fall while the economy grows. The cut in mortgage interest rates just before the meeting was dismissed as a narrowing of lending margins "to more normal levels".

For the first time in many months, Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, did not call for an immediate rise in base rates, as he has since revealed in public speeches. Even so, he told the Chancellor that the odds were still against the Government achieving its inflation targets unless monetary policy were tightened.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3474.3	(+14.2)
Yield	3.88%	
FT-SE A All share	1718.3	(+6.45)
Nikkei	17891.19	(-285.08)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4728.03	(+7.23)*
S&P Composite	578.69	(+1.16)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¾%*	(5¾%)
Long Bond	105²²⁄₃₂*	(105²¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.44%*	(6.45%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¾%	(6²¹⁄₃₂%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	105⅛	(105³⁄₁₆)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5732*	(1.5780)
London:		
$	1.5727	(1.5783)
DM	2.2419	(2.2386)
FFr	7.8100	(7.8310)
SFr	1.8173	(1.8111)
Yen	158.72	(158.84)
£ Index	84.5	(84.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4251*	(1.4180)
FFr	4.9663*	(4.9595)
SFr	1.1555*	(1.1483)
Yen	100.90*	(100.72)
$ Index	92.9	(92.7)

Tokyo close Yen 100.75

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec)	$15.90	($15.85)

GOLD

London close	$384.65	($385.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Top fees

Advisers to the merger of Lloyds Bank with TSB are estimated to have commanded fees totalling between £25 million and £30 million. Biggest beneficiaries will be JP Morgan, the US bank that advised TSB, and Barings, the adviser to Lloyds. **Page 27**

Bottom wages

The Government believes a national minimum wage set at £4 an hour would lead to the loss of 1.7 million jobs. The official estimates will revive the row over the effect on jobs of a statutory wage floor. **Page 26**

Offer for Norweb agreed

BRITAIN'S first combined water and power utility seemed imminent yesterday after North West Water lifted its offer for Norweb, the Northwest regional-electricity company, to what is considered a knock-out £1.83 billion (Christine Buckley writes).

Norweb recommended the offer, effectively dismissing the possibility that Texas Energy Partners, the two US companies mounting a rival bid, would come back. North West's latest bid — which values Norweb shares at £11.70p — marks an 85p premium over last week's offer from the US utility grouping.

Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman, valued Norweb at £10.15p per share when it broached the idea of United Utilities.

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Pitcher: valuation

Lloyds and TSB agree terms for the merger

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

LLOYDS BANK and TSB have agreed the terms of their £13.6 billion merger that will give the enlarged group £350 million a year cost savings.

The price values TSB at £4 billion. An extra £1 billion will be paid to TSB shareholders by way of a special dividend of 68.3p a share, valuing TSB shares at a total 335p each.

Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds and of the enlarged Lloyds TSB, said the deal did not mean that Lloyds had found the last piece of its jigsaw and he did not rule out more acquisitions. He said the new group would "be generating a lot of capital, it will not be long before there is surplus capital". There would then be a choice of whether to buy back shares or make "a further investment that will add value to shareholders".

Analysts estimate, it is possible that Lloyds TSB could be in a position of surplus capital in a year or 18 months.

Sir Brian said if asset growth continued at a slow rate, while generation of capital increased "we shall have opportunities for increasing the dividend, which will take some of the capital, but retained profits will be big".

Sir Brian said TSB had been screened by Lloyds for several years before JP Morgan, the US bank, brought them together with an initial approach in July. He said Lloyds continued to screen other firms. "We will see if they turn out to be opportunities in the future."

One option would be to extend the fund management activities of Hill Samuel, TSB's merchant bank. Peter Ellwood, TSB chief executive, said Hill Samuel had a strong brand name, despite past problems, and he hoped it would be developed.

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Leeson UK court case action fails

LAWYERS acting for Nick Leeson have decided not to attend the City of London Magistrates Court today to take over legal proceedings started by bondholders who lost more than £50 million in the Barings crash (Robert Miller writes).

On Tuesday the Serious Fraud Office, which had taken over the private action of the Barings Perpetual Noteholders Action Group, applied to have eight summoneses of false accounting and obtaining money by deception issued against Mr Leeson withdrawn. The SFO won its case but an adjournment was ordered while Mr Leeson's lawyers were given a chance to pick up the case.

BMW prepares for new Triumphs

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Editor

GREAT names from Britain's motoring past — such as Riley, Triumph and Austin-Healey — will be revived by BMW as the German company goes back to the future to find new worldwide sales.

Bernd Pischetsrieder, BMW's chairman, last night said he believed that 100 years of British motor industry history, which had thrown up famous brand names long gone from showrooms, was too good to throw away. His Arthur Andersen lecture to the Judge Institute of Management Studies in Cambridge will also have allayed fears that BMW's purchase of Rover last year signalled a merger that would consume the British company.

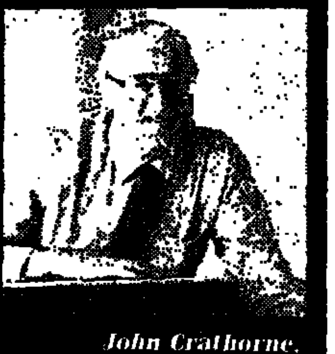
Herr Pischetsrieder said the three names under Rover control — Rover cars, Land Rover and MG — were among the most distinctive in the motor industry anywhere in the world.

He said: "Added to this, we have further options for rounding off the model range by reinstating the great names in the history of the British car industry, such as Riley, Austin-Healey, Triumph or, as has already happened, MG.

"Rover was established in 1877, the first BMW automobiles were built in 1927. More than 100 years of automobile history with all its ups and downs clearly shows that a convincing and powerful marque cannot be established from one day to the next. Successful brands are not short-lived projects here today and gone tomorrow. Rather, they are established systematically and in a continuous process following a long-term strategy."

The future of Rover has raised questions among analysts who believe that a clear-out of management is due as sales have slipped this year. However, Herr Pischetsrieder outlined a different strategy, with Rover having a similar image in showrooms to BMW as a prestigious marque: "Not cars built for everybody, but cars desired by everybody," he said.

He underlined why BMW paid more than £529 million for Rover, calling Britain "the most attractive country among all European locations for the production of cars". He added: "This results from the structural reforms initiated by Margaret Thatcher in the early 1980s, the most significant factor being the re-arrangement of industrial relations between companies and trade unions."



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Minimum wage at £4 an hour 'could cost 1.7m jobs'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government believes a national minimum wage set at £4 an hour would lead to the loss of 1.7 million jobs, ministers revealed yesterday.

The new official estimates of the employment impact of a national minimum wage will revive the row over the effect on jobs of a statutory wage floor, though business leaders remain sceptical that such figures are realistic.

In the last general election, Government ministers used estimates prepared by Conservative Central Office to attack Labour's plans for a national minimum set at £3.40 an hour.

Ministers have now asked civil servants in the Department of Trade and Industry to prepare new figures on the jobs effect of a national minimum, using the Treasury's own model of the economy.

They are stressing that because the new estimates have been prepared by Whitehall economists, rather than by Conservative Party officials, they carry independent force and constitute a rejection of both Labour's plans and trade unions' target of £4 an hour in pay negotiations with all employers.

The estimates, prepared by Whitehall officials now in the DTI following the break-up of the Department of Employment, suggest that at a minimum wage of £4 an hour, 900,000 jobs will be lost if other trade unions successfully insist on the restoration of half their eroded pay differentials, and 1.7 million if differentials are restored in full.

In response to ministers' requests, DTI economists have prepared estimates of the jobs impact based on a range of figures, since Labour is insisting on not setting a specific figure in advance of the next election, preferring instead to rely on its proposed Low Pay Commission of employers and trade unions to recommend a figure to a future Labour Government.

At £3.50 an hour — the level recommended by Labour's Social Justice Commission — Whitehall estimates that 800,000 jobs, or 1.5 million on full restoration of differentials, would be lost. At £4.15, the figure Labour left-wingers tried unsuccessfully to get last week's Labour conference to adopt, the department says that 950,000 jobs would be lost, or 1.8 million at full restoration. At £4.90, at the top end of the examined range, job losses would be 1.3 million, or as many as 2.1 million on full differential restoration.

Business leaders, including the CBI, are highly sceptical about such figures, which they believe are considerable overestimates, though they believe a minimum wage at about £4 could add some £4.5 billion to industry's wage costs.

Jonathan Evans, Minister at the Department of Trade and Industry, revealed the new Whitehall figures yesterday in a speech to a fringe meeting at the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool. He said: "These figures are mind-boggling. But they are proposals that the Labour Party is prepared to go along with."

Speaking at the same meeting, John Monks, the TUC General-Secretary, stressed that employers cast doubt on such figures, though arguing the case for a national minimum to be introduced sensibly. He said: "Obviously the TUC has to take seriously the arguments about job losses. Trade unions could hardly support a policy that would put thousands of our members on the dole queue."

The unions and Labour were strongly criticised by a clothing industry employer. Kay Coleman, who employs 450 at Harvays, a clothes manufacturer in Oldham, said that Labour was not qualified to dictate to her or others about how they should run their businesses.

Marks & Spencer to open in China

By Sarah Bagnall

MARKS & SPENCER, Britain's most profitable retailer, yesterday opened an office in Shanghai as a first step in its planned expansion into the potentially lucrative Chinese market.

A spokesman for the company said that M&S hopes to open its first store next year and believes that there is potential to quickly expand into a chain of 50 outlets across China.

But the company is to study the opportunities and risks carefully before committing itself to the booming retail market. The Shanghai office has been set up in order to undertake the necessary analysis.

Jeff Ellison, general manager for China, is compiling a report into the market but no date has been set for its presentation to the company's main board. Among the issues he will address is whether M&S should open its own stores or opt for franchises and the potential for increasing the company's sourcing from China. Last year, M&S sourced about £40 million of clothing from China — less than 1 per cent of group sales.

M&S has operated in Hong Kong since 1988 and by the end of the year will have eight stores. Many of the customers are from mainland China.

Tracey Nelson, Asian marketing manager at M&S, said that the company was confident that the retail opportunities existed in China.

Reflecting this, several retailers from around the world have already set up shop in the market, including Printemps, the French department store.

Big wheel: Lucien Girard, chief executive of Pioneer, is taking his company to the stock markets

Ghana mine set for listing

By Colin Campbell

PIONEER GOLDFIELDS, the second-largest gold mine in Ghana, is coming to the London and Ghanaian stock markets in November after an international global offering of 14.8 million shares, equivalent to 20 per cent of its equity.

The indicated offer price is between $9.50 and $10.50 a share, which would capitalise Pioneer at between $712.5 million and $787.5 million.

Pioneer intends to be a dividend payer, with a first payment in 1996, Lucien Girard, managing director and chief executive, said in London yesterday. Pioneer's Teberebie mine has extensive reserves and is a low-cost operation. It poured its 1,000th bar, weighing 740oz and 94 per cent pure gold, in September.

Pioneer has an active exploration programme in other parts of Africa, David Toft, chief geologist, said. Exploration spending on non-Ghanaian prospects is expected to rise from $1.5 million in 1996 to an annual rate of $3 million thereafter.

The mine expects to produce in excess of 400,000 ounces of gold in 1998 — a rate which London analysts believe will easily rise. Board appointments announced yesterday include Gordon Waddell, a former chairman of JCI, the South African mining group, and Kenneth Lee Brown, US Ambassador to Ghana 1992-95.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Severn-Anglian plan 'worth £20m'

SEVERN Trent and Anglian Water have confirmed they are to pool resources in a bid to save as much as £20 million a year. The neighbouring companies, which share a 120-mile border, hope to co-operate in research and development, engineering, water resources, bill mailing, combined purchasing and emergency planning. Brian Duckworth, Severn Trent's managing director, said it would be the first time two UK water companies had shared resources in this way. There have been no mergers since water privatisation in 1989. Mr Duckworth said his firm still had a hosepipe and sprinkler ban following the long hot summer and sharing resources with Anglian may avoid a repeat of the situation.

Severn Trent said: "We already have quite an established working relationship with Anglian and there are some areas which we both believe we can improve on." Andy Main, West Midlands regional officer for the union Unison, said: "We think the final price may be paid by workers through job losses. It could mean hundreds of job cuts. In customer billing alone there are about 600-700 people in each company." Both companies have discussed their plans with Ian Byatt, the industry regulator. An Ofwat spokesperson explained that collaboration may result in some changes to the operating licences of the water companies.

Abbey launches bond

ABBEY NATIONAL has launched a $750 million subordinated ten-year global bond, underwritten by Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers, the joint lead managers. The deal has a payment date of October 17 and is due to mature on October 15, 2005. The final pricing of the issue will be tomorrow morning, New York time. The market expects the pricing to be at 63-64 basis points over US Treasuries, US government bonds. The bank's fund-raising programme was extended into the US last year.

Adidas price deadline

ADIDAS, the German sports apparel and footwear group chaired and returned to profit by Robert Louis-Dreyfus, former managing director of Saatchi & Saatchi, will set the price for its shares in its planned initial public offering on November 13, with trading to start on November 17. A pathfinder prospectus will be issued on October 26. The company will be listed on the Frankfurt bourse and will be open to German retail investors. Institutional placings will be made in London and other centres.

Germany cuts rate

THE Bundesbank yesterday allowed its "repo", or securities repurchase, rate to ease by two basis points to 4.03 per cent in a move that keeps alive hopes that its key official lending rates could still be lowered later this year. The repo, which is used to guide the money markets, is widely expected to fall to 4 per cent, or less, by the end of December. Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, took the unusual step on Monday of giving verbal support to the franc, saying it remained one of Europe's strong currencies.

Hotel takeover talks

LESS than a week after London's Ritz Hotel was sold for £75 million, another of the capital's hotels is in takeover talks. The Park Lane Hotel, whose shares are traded on the new Ofex market, has received an approach that might lead to an offer. Shareholders, who include about 230 private investors, were advised to take no action until a further statement is made. At a current share price of £7, the company is valued at about £30 million. Last year the company earned pre-tax profits of £1.8 million on turnover of £13.69 million.

BNB close to £8m buy

BNB RESOURCES, the recruitment, training and consumer communications group, is close to announcing an acquisition worth a maximum of up to £8 million in the sector of recruitment services in Britain. The acquisition will be funded from existing resources, the company said. BNB also reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £1.77 million from £1.38 million in the half-year to June 30, lifting earnings to 5.4p a share from 4.2p. The interim dividend is increased to 2p a share from 1.77p, due November 30.

United bid for USAir closer

From Richard Thomson in New York

A BID by United Airlines for USAir, the ailing airline which is 25 per cent owned by British Airways, moved a step closer yesterday with UAL claiming that the routes of the two companies would make a good fit.

UAL, the largest US carrier, is seen as the front runner in a takeover of USAir, although American Airlines, the second-largest airline, is also in talks with the company. UAL is carrying out a month-long study into the strategic advantages of a takeover and appears to be more enthusiastic about acquiring the company than its rival. According to some airline analysts, however, BA would prefer a link-up with American. Gerald Greenwald, UAL's chief executive, said USAir East Coast routes would combine well with UAL's low-cost Shuttle operations. UAL has recently launched a successful cut-price shuttle service on the West Coast, but sees the short-haul routes in the East where fares are relatively high as an attractive area in which to expand its shuttle business. With USAir's routes it could cut fares and still make a profit, Mr Greenwald said.

USAir made the surprise announcement that it was in takeover talks last week, but any deal is likely to face huge hurdles. A takeover would attract the scrutiny of US antitrust agencies and regulators. USAir also has nearly $8 billion in debts and the highest labour costs in the industry.

United has an unusual ownership structure, being half-owned by its employees. A deal at USAir to give employees a share in the company, however, fell through this year, leaving the company with an abysmal record in labour relations. Peter Gauthier, the head of the pilots union who was responsible for the failed negotiations with USAir resigned yesterday after criticism from the union's members.

☐ Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, has pledged to support British Airways in its fight against state aid for Air France and Iberia, the Spanish airline. The promise came in a speech to the Conservative Party conference in Blackpool yesterday.

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Austria Sch	16.75	15.25
Belgium Fr	49.00	44.70
Canada $	2.213	2.053
Cyprus Cyp£	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.30	8.50
Finland Mkk	7.36	6.71
France Fr	8.25	7.60
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	383.00	358.00
Hong Kong $	12.83	11.83
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1332	4.4832
Italy Lira	2635.00	2480.00
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Malta	0.595	0.540
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New Zealand $	2.53	2.31
Norway Kr	10.47	9.67
Portugal Esc	246.50	228.00
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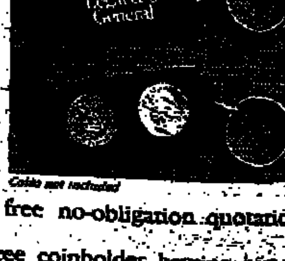

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☐ Lloyds coy on bank closures ☐ IFS doubt over utilities tax ☐ Nervous shares do for Fisons

Branch lines to nowhere

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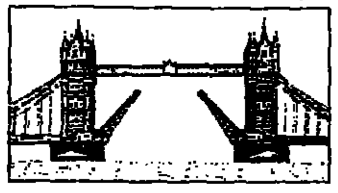


☐ HOW strange to see Sir Brian Pitman, the man inextricably linked with the forecast that one in five financial services jobs is surplus to requirements, coming over allcoy on job losses.

Of course, it is a different matter if those losses are at your own bank or one you are trying to take over. Lloyds is keen not to have its purchase of the TSB seen as a smash-and-grab raid. For technical reasons, indeed, the deal is structured as a TSB purchase of Lloyds.

But the £350 million annual cost savings sought are not going to arrive without some pain, and they are not going to come solely from cutting administrative and treasury costs and by rationalising technology, the areas where there is potential for immediate improvement. Yesterday's marriage vows, therefore, make it explicit that there will eventually have to be "some amalgamation of branches".

Few of these will happen before the necessary Bill goes through Parliament, the lovebirds coo reassuringly in a prime example of making a virtue out of necessity. Lloyds says that, under some circumstances, it can conceive of a branch of TSB remaining open next door to one of its own. The conclusion must be that with most overlaps this will not be the case. Lloyds also says its existing branch network is about the size it needs, which may be an indication which side of the divide most closures can be expectedto fall.

There are always two courses of action when merging retail chains. The supermarket route has all the shops rebranded under the dominant name. The funeral directors' route retains local store-fronts and local loyalties under one corporate roof. The late and deeply lamented wave of estate agency mergers in the late 1980s was pretty evenly divided between the two options: Lloyds for its part chose the latter, and has kept the original name with other big purchases too. So the TSB brand will not be disappearing from the high street even if one or two of the names under which it trades fall by the wayside.

The deal does not stand or fall on branch closures, and the market was clearly enthused by prospects for the merged group even without them. The enormous cash the merged bank will generate and the low demand for loans suggests that within a year the pressure will be on for another purchase — or a shares buy-back, a point accepted by Sir Brian yesterday. But one complication remains.

The banking union Bifu has promised to raise merry hell in Parliament as the necessary bill goes through, and there is a good chance that by that time Parliament may be dominated by a Labour government. Labour was itself being coy itself yesterday on how much support Bifu could expect, which probably means it has been as much taken unawares as the two banks by the early disclosure of their plans and has not yet made up its mind. It will be interesting to see which way the party jumps.

Harnessing the windfall

☐ THE more imaginative days of the Institute of Fiscal Studies are long gone. Few will be surprised, therefore, that it takes such an Establishment view of a one-off windfall tax imposed on regional electricity and water companies.

The vital question, it asks, is "whether the objective is to punish investors who happen to have got lucky or to help utility customers". It is neither. The purpose would be to raise extra revenue for specific purposes in a relatively painless way from the vast sums of cash being released by the companies as surplus to requirements.

They are none of them exploiting customers, cheating the taxman or bamboozling their regulators. Rather, the City fund managers who now dominate their share registers have decided that the large amounts of equity capital they insisted the companies needed at privatisation are not needed after all; the money should be borrowed instead and the surplus extracted to boost their funds' short-term investment performance. On top of this, the regional electricity companies wrote down the current cost value of the National Grid in their prospectuses as being unrealistically high. The Grid is now to be floated at perhaps £4.5 billion. Electricity companies are being bought up for their surplus cash or paying it out to avoid being taken over.

Those who invested at privatisation or afterwards never expected these large bundles to be handed out in addition to the growing dividends that they did expect and which the companies were able to increase by their management efforts. To suppose that a windfall tax might harm incentives is fatuous. What is the incentive on management if it has £500 million of surplus funds which City fund managers will not allow it to invest?

Alternatively, the IFS muses, a windfall tax would undermine and upset regulators. Perhaps the IFS should have asked the regulators, who are not so squeamish. Indeed, a one-off windfall might well take the pressure off them and off the RPI-X price regulation system they favour. There is, however, little virtue in such a windfall tax if the Exchequer does not need the money. Over to you, Chancellor.

Opposing forces in the market

☐ STUART WALLIS has bowed to the inevitable, sensible chap, and gone off to count his share options. His defence of Fisons was a valiant one, but it was never going to survive the FT-SE crossing 3,450 in the wrong direction, no matter that the market may have subsequently started to correct itself.

The generosity of Fisons' supposed white knight would inevitably have been limited by the nervous market conditions. Without firm news on this front, the closing days of the bid would have seen the fund managers scuttling to the exits, anxious to lock in at least some of the 1995 takeover bonanza.

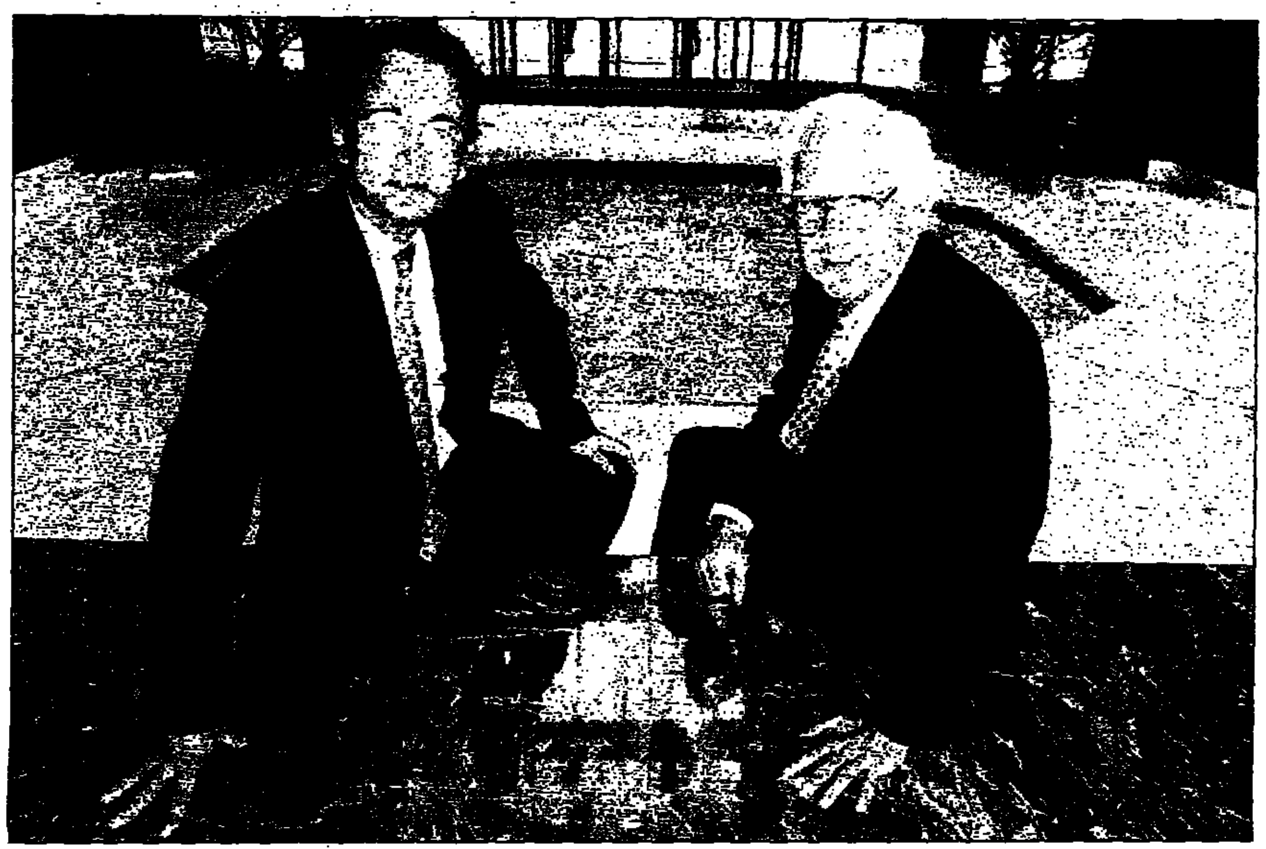
The markets are unsettled by the slow pace of global economic recovery and its impact on earnings, and this week they were looking for any bad news, such as a profits slowdown in the US around which to crystallise these fears.

The advice in the dealing rooms yesterday morning was the normal reaction in London to any uncertainty, namely keep your head down and wait for Wall Street.

Running contrary to this was the continuing greed for takeover news, with Zeneca, Cadbury Schweppes and other stale bulls' favourites being punted around. But whatever Wall Street does, such hopes are not going to be enough to keep the market at its current level. Just think where the FT-SE would be if Lloyds had not been forced into an early announcement on TSB.

Taxing credibility

☐ THIS summer's electricity takeover wars have seen special dividends, for some curious reason, suddenly come into vogue as a tool to help win round the institutional investors. In Norweb's case about £27 million of tax advantages will be added to the value of the latest bid, based on the proportion of the share capital held by eligible investors. In other words, £27 million of public money is being used to enrich shareholders in one of the regional electricity companies. Sounds a bit different put that way, doesn't it?



The victors: Michael de Rosen, left, with Robert Cawthorn of RPR, whose £1.83 billion offer finally made Fisons capitulate

Fisons bows to bid from RPR

By Eric Reguly

FISONS, in a surprise move, accepted a £1.83 billion takeover offer from Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, the Franco-American pharmaceuticals group (See Pennington, this page).

The capitulation came only a day after Fisons said it planned to publish another rebuttal document against RPR's final bid od 265p. Stuart Wallis, Fisons's chief executive, said the board decided to recommend the offer on Tuesday afternoon, after concluding that a potential white knight would not launch a rival bid. He would not identify the potential bidder.

The City and RPR, however, never believed that a white knight was a serious possibility. Many institutions agreed. Since late last week, when RPR raised its bid from 240p to 265p, investors have been abandoning Fisons. By Tuesday, RPR owned about 21 per cent of Fisons's shares and said other institutions were on the verge of selling.

Mr Wallis denied that the market plunge has anything to do with his recommendation. In London on Tuesday, the FT-SE 100 index fell almost 70 points before ending 50 points down.

Mr Wallis obtained assurances from RPR that employment rights, including pension plans and healthcare, would be honoured. However, Robert Cawthorn, RPR's chairman, said: "In any acquisition like this, there is sure to be some fallout."

Mr Wallis, who will be replaced by Michael de Rosen, RPR president and chief executive officer, as chief executive after the merger, stands to earn more than £1.2 million from his share options.

Drop in domestic sales hits Chrysler

From Richard Thomson in New York

CHRYSLER, America's third-largest car manufacturer, reported earnings almost halved in the third quarter, compared with a year ago, but still turned in the third-best quarterly performance in its history.

A drop in demand in the US and Canada pushed down domestic sales, while higher costs associated with launching a new minivan and pick-up truck hurt profits. The company earned $354 million over the three-month period, down from $651 million last year. During the first nine months of the year, earnings dropped to $1 billion compared with $2.7 billion in the same period of 1994.

Profits were hurt by higher incentives offered to consumers in the intensely competitive US car market. Incentives cost an average of $870 per vehicle, compared with a profit per vehicle of $492 million.

Analysts said the decline in earnings and sales was widely expected and that the other main carmakers, General Motors and Ford, are also likely to report weaker figures for the third quarter.

Although down on last year, Chrysler's results are unlikely to affect the company significantly in its fight against Kirk Kerkorian, a leading shareholder who is waging a public campaign against the management to boost shareholder value. Last week, Robert Eaton, the chairman and chief executive, accused Mr Kerkorian of being a troublemaker whose pursuit of his personal profit was hurting other shareholders. The company has also doubled its share buy-back scheme to $2 billion.

Lloyds-TSB advisers will earn up to £30m

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

THE advisers on the merger of Lloyds Bank with TSB will make tens of millions of pounds in fees. Biggest beneficiaries will be JP Morgan, the US bank that advised TSB, and Barings, Lloyds' adviser.

A banker estimated the two banks would share fees of £16 million. Total fees for advisers would reach between £25 million and £30 million.

Although Lloyds is the senior partner in the deal, in an unusually structured merger, TSB is technically buying Lloyds. Existing Lloyds shareholders will own 2.704 shares in the new group for every one share they hold, while TSB shareholders will own one share for each one they currently hold, giving Lloyds Bank shareholders 70.6 per cent and TSB ordinary shareholders 29.4 per cent of the new ordinary share capital.

If Lloyds had made a bid for TSB, the rights of the TSB Foundations, the four charitable foundations that maintain TSB's links with its origins, would have converted to 5 per cent of TSB equity and would have diluted the value of the deal for TSB shareholders. The foundations will get 1 per cent of the average profits of the enlarged group, in place of 1 per cent of average TSB profits. This year they received £3 million, it could be worth £20 million to them next year.

The banks said there would be cost savings in the first year as a result of such measures as closing down head and divisional offices, back office processing and money transmission, rationalising technology systems and merging wholesale banking, including treasury, and certain other units. The banks said savings would rise to £350 million a year by 1999. Peter Ellwood, TSB chief executive, said that represented less than 10 per cent of the costs of the combined group.

Mr Ellwood said TSB had considered a building society. It is thought to have held talks with Alliance & Leicester, Nationwide and the Woolwich. The merged Lloyds-TSB will pay a final dividend of not less than 7.8p a share next March, equivalent to not less than 21.1p per existing Lloyds share and 7.8p per TSB share.

The bank played down the effect of the merger on jobs. Sir Robin Ibbs, chairman, said "clearly there will be a number of job reductions," but since the two banks had totalnatural wastage of 6,000 a year, there should not be big compulsory redundancies.

It will not be closing branches as a result of the merger, apart from existing programmes. Existing Lloyds and TSB branch networks will, at the outset, retain separate identities. TSB will remain as the group holding company, registered in Scotland, though changing its name to Lloyds TSB. Its annual meetings will take place in Scotland. Lloyds expects to complete the merger at the end of December.

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BAT tipped as Gartmore suitor

By Robert Miller

BAT Industries, the tobacco to financial services group, is tipped as a front-runner to buy Gartmore, one of the UK's leading fund managers.

Shares in Gartmore, 75 per cent owned by Banque Indosuez, of France, which last month indicated its willingness to sell the stake, yesterday rose 10p to close at 276p on the strength of bid rumours from Dresdner Bank. A spokesman for the German bank would not comment.

Gartmore, which reported a £1 million fall in its half-year pre-tax profits to £16.2 million, manages more than £23 billion of funds invested in a range of unit and investment trusts and pensions schemes. Paul Myners, the chairman, said: "I can neither confirm nor deny any of the speculation. I cannot comment."

If BAT does emerge as the winner it would be a triumph for the group that already owns Allied Dunbar, Eagle Star and Threadneedle Asset Management. BAT also owns Farmers Group, the fourth largest property and casualty insurer in the US.

Myners: no comment

Last year, Gartmore joined NationsBank, the fourth-largest in the US, in a venture to sell international equity investment to private US investors. A bid by NationsBank is considered unlikely.

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Suez loses £507m in the first half

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

SUEZ, the embattled French financial and industrial group urgently seeking a buyer for Gartmore, disclosed a first-half net loss of Fr3.98 billion (£507 million) yesterday.

At half-way last year, it was still showing a Fr795 million net profit. But the continued weakness of the French property market and the prospect of sluggish economic growth has forced Suez to take a one-off charge of Fr4.08 billion.

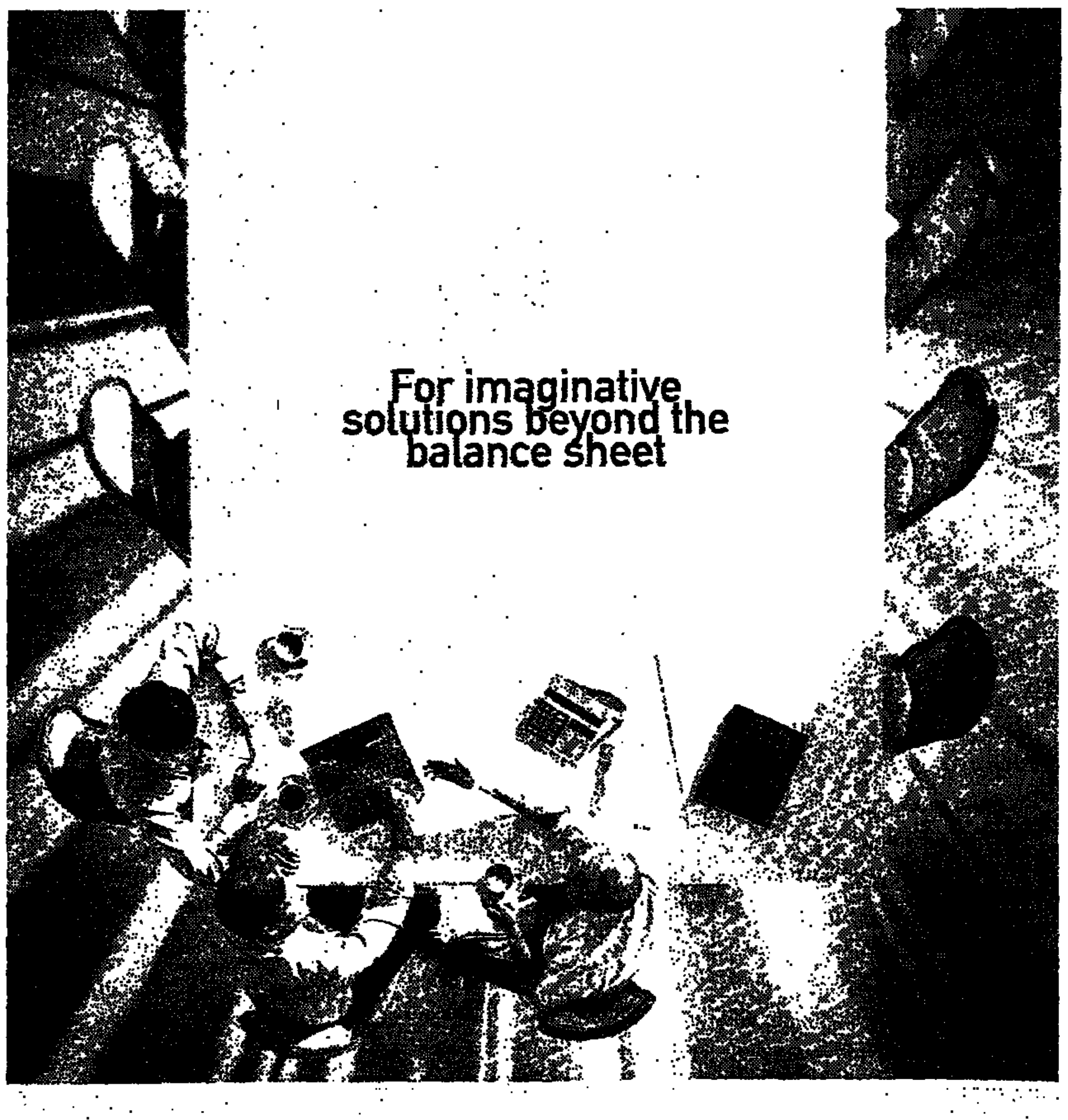
This followed the Fr7.56 billion hit it took when provisioning for the property crisis last year. In the past four years it has sold off Fr34 billion of risky property assets.

The Suez share price slumped almost 6 per cent. Standard and Poors, the Wall Street credit rating agency, said it was putting Suez debt "under surveillance with negative implications".

Suez was set up in 1858 to build and operate the Suez Canal between the Red Sea and the Mediterranean. It said yesterday that its involvement in another big project, the troubled Eurotunnel, had obliged it to make an unspecified two-year provision on its Fr1 billion loan to the Anglo-French venture.

The huge charge against its property exposure compared with Fr1.76 billion for the first half last year. To help to restore the badly dented finances of Indosuez, its banking arm, the company said it had assumed Fr5.6 billion of the bank's assets.

Gérard Mestrallet, appointed chairman in July after a bitter boardroom battle, said a return to profit is foreseen for 1996. The former chairman, Gérard Worms, a member of one of France's most powerful business dynasties, fell victim to a revolt by Suez's big shareholders, who wanted to break up and reshape the sprawling empire, unloading Indosuez.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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Brokers still on red alert as investors stay cautious

THE stock market remains on red alert in the wake of Tuesday's 50-point fall, with investors worried about the possibility of more aftershocks. Market-makers were able to repair some of the damage by unwinding potentially damaging positions, but prices still closed below their best. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 21 points early in the session, eventually saw its lead reduced to 14.2, to end at 3,474.3.

Concern among brokers was borne out by Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Average halved an early 14-point rise on news that talks about the US Budget had ended. This sent a nervous shudder through the London market, where dealers were keeping their fingers crossed that the Dow Jones would hold its own overnight.

Once again, there was no shortage of activity on the bid front. Early attention focused on **Gartmore**, the fund manager, where Banque Indosuez is actively looking for buyers for its 75 per cent stake, worth an estimated £400 million.

Gartmore shares jumped 10p, to 276p, after a report in a German newspaper that Dresdner Bank of Germany, which recently bought Kleinwort Benson, was interested in making an offer. Dresdner refused to comment.

But there is mounting speculation that **BAT Industries** might beat everyone to the draw. It is said to be considering an offer for Gartmore to add to its other interests in the financial sector, including Eagle Star and Allied Hambro. BAT shares rose 1p to 544p on suggestions that it may be close to floating Farmers, its US *insurance arm.*

Lloyds Bank soared 49p, to 769p, after announcing details of its proposed £13.6 billion *merger with TSB. The terms* value TSB at 333p a share, with a special dividend of 68.3p also thrown in. But the *TSB share price remained* stubbornly above the terms, closing 19p stronger, at 369p, as a further 26 million shares were *traded. Dealers refuse to* rule out the possibilty of a counter bid for TSB and point out that buying the shares is seen as a cheap way into Lloyds.

Lloyds shareholders will get 2.7 shares in the new company — Lloyds TSB — while TSB shareholders will get one share of the enlarged group.

Screens turned blue for SelecTV, maker of *Lovejoy*

The venture is expected to generate savings of £350 million a year by 1999.

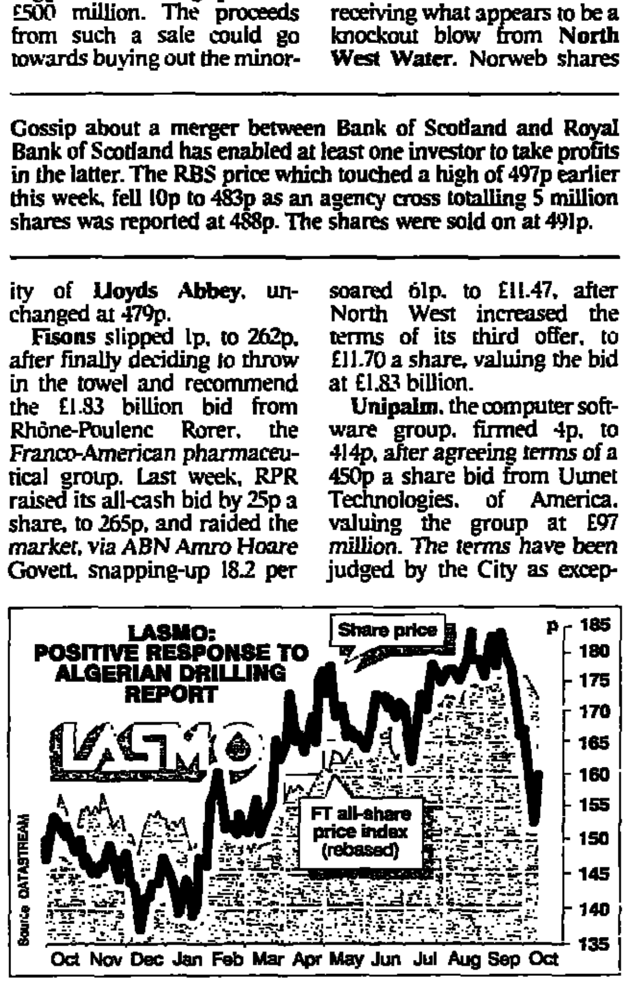
There was also talk last night that once the merger is completed, Lloyds TSB will rid itself of the Hill Samuel merchant banking arm. Estimates suggest an asking price of £500 million. The proceeds from such a sale could go towards buying out the minority of **Lloyds Abbey**, unchanged at 479p.

Gossip about a merger between Bank of Scotland and Royal Bank of Scotland has enabled at least one investor to take profits in the latter. The RBS price which touched a high of 497p earlier this week, fell 10p to 483p as an agency cross totalling 5 million shares was reported at 488p. The shares were sold on at 491p.

Fisons slipped 1p, to 262p, after finally deciding to throw in the towel and recommend the £1.83 billion bid from Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, the *Franco-American pharmaceutical* group. Last week, RPR raised its all-cash bid by 25p a share, to 265p, and raided the *market, via ABN Amro Hoare* Govett, snapping-up 18.2 per cent of the shares. Fisons made *its* decision after a potential white knight terminated talks. Almost 4 million shares had changed hands by the close.

Norweb, the regional electricity company, may also be forced to admit defeat after receiving what appears to be a knockout blow from **North West Water**. Norweb shares soared 61p, to £11.47, after North West increased the terms of its third offer, to £11.70 a share, valuing the bid at £1.83 billion.

Unipalm, the computer software group, firmed 4p, to 414p, after agreeing *terms* of a 450p a share bid from Uunet Technologies, of America, valuing the group at £97 *million. The terms have been* judged by the City as exceptionally generous.



Several buy recommendations, including one from the company's own broker, Cazenove, lifted **Great Universal Stores** 8p, to 568p. **Commercial Union** rose 8p, to 573p, after the French Government confirmed that it will not be withdrawing relief on insurance policies.

A bullish report on tests carried out at its Algerian appraisal wells lifted **Lasmo** 6½p, to 159p. The group intends to invest $210 million in a new pipeline connection to run north to the main El Borma to Haoud-El-Hamra.

P&O eased 2p, to 462p, reflecting growing concern about the price war being waged between the ferry operators and Eurotunnel. But **Grand Metropolitan** enjoyed a 4p rise, to 427p, that coincided with the start of trading on Wall Street. Brokers say there has been increasing support for the shares from the US in recent weeks. Revived talk of a bid from Hoffman La Roche lifted **Zeneca** 13p, to £11.71.

SelecTV, the independent television production company that has brought us the likes of *Lovejoy* and *Birds of a Feather*, enjoyed a rise of 2p, to 26p, on further bid talk. This year, MAI bought a 4 per cent stake and is being tipped to bid for the rest.

☐ **GILT EDGED:** Overnight weakness in US Treasury bonds resulted in the London market struggling in early trading with losses stretching to £¼ in places. Shorts came under pressure after publication of the minutes of the *September 7 meeting* between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England. But prices managed to claw back some of their falls before the close. Investors were reluctant to open fresh positions before today's inflation *numbers.*

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt traded in narrow limits for *much of the day before ending* a couple of ticks lower at £105⅛. A total of 48,000 contracts were completed. In the *cash market,* **Treasury 8 per cent 2013** slipped £3/32, to £96 27/32, while at the shorter end **Treasury 8 per cent 2000** were £3/16 easier, at £101 15/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street were steady in morning trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.23 points at 4,728.03.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	4728.03 (+7.23)
S&P Composite	578.69 (+1.16)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	17891.19 (-285.08)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9635.06 (-95.86)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	457.98 (+3.36)

Sydney:

AO	2068.6 (+6.4)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2145.30 (+6.53)

Singapore:

Straits	2128.96 (+14.13)

Brussels:

General	7746.21 (-33.15)

Paris:

CAC-40	1794.43 (+16.47)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	694.20 (+3.10)

London:

FT 30	2562.3 (+8.8)
FT 100	3474.3 (+14.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3919.8 (+16.6)
FT-SE-A 350	1737.3 (+7.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	*1396.12 (+18.58)*
FT A All-Share	1718.3 (+6.45)
FT Non Financials	1830.76 (+4.56)
FT Fixed Interest	110.92 (-0.12)
FT Govt Secs	92.63 (-0.15)
Bargains	31192
SEAQ Volume	780.8m
USM (Datastrm)	179.54 (+0.61)
US$	1.5736 (-0.0040)
German Mark	2.2424 (+0.0058)
Exchange Index	84.5 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

£:ECU	1.1976
£:SDR	n/a
RPI	149.9 Aug (3.6%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	148.6 Aug (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	67	+ 2
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
German Sir Wts	18	− 2
Hay & Robertson	36	− 2
Mayflower (65)	88	...
MultiMedia (45)	60	...
Murray Vct	105	...
Omnicare	87	+ 1
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	102	...
Preston Nth (400)	400	...
SCS Sat Sys (125)	126	+ 3
Uni Salvage (149)	*183*	− 1
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alumasc n/p (320)	100	...
Anglo-East n/p (105)	14	− 2
Baris n/p (16)	2	...
Close Bros n/p (275)	28	− 4
Forth Ports n/p (490)	82	− 3½
RMC n/p (950)	114½	− 4½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Lloyds	769p (+49p)
Nat West	612p (+10½p)
TSB	369p (+19p)
Cons Murchison	134p (+16p)
Airflow Stream	261p (+31p)
BICC	289p (+9p)
Reuters	550p (+12p)
A Cohen	705p (+15p)
BAT	*544p (+11p)*
TI	427p (+8p)
Bluebird Toys	276p (+9p)
Woodside	302p (+11p)

FALLS:

Royal Bk Scot	483p (-10p)
Filtronic Com	389p (-25p)
Forward Gp	528p (-27p)
Psion	582p (-16p)
Unitech	580p (-13p)
Micro Focus	683p (-15p)
Siebe	704p (-11p)
Eurotherm	525p (-9p)
Rainford Gp	*379p (-8p)*
Delta	414p (-15p)

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TEMPUS

Texans flooded out

IT HAS been clear for some time that North West Water was prepared to pay top dollar for Norweb. But even so, yesterday's offer surprised some market observers. Full the offer undoubtedly is — although at about 12.4 times prospective earnings for 1996 it is not out of kilter with other bids made for regional electricity companies. Intriguingly, it is not the final offer. It is clear that North West would dig deeper into its pocket if Texas Energy were to continue firing salvos. It appears, however, that the guns are back in their holsters and Texas is riding into the sunset.

Such endless resources will surprise North West's shareholders who have seen about 10 per cent wiped from the value of their shares since Sir Desmond Pitcher and Brian Staples declared their vision for United Utilities, the first combined water and electricity company.

North West is adamant that the first-born water/electricity hybrid will prove sufficiently earnings-enhancing to justify the price. It is, however, assuming a huge amount of cost *savings on the* merger of the two geographically matched companies — thought to be somewhere in the range of £60 million. A more conservative estimate would pitch the savings in the *£45 million range.*

Doubts hang over how much cost-saving North West can realistically suppose and how quickly they can be produced. In spite of the geographical fit, there *is much work to be* done to weld the two companies. Investors may fear that the arrival of Texas reduced the sense of perspective held by North West.

Meanwhile shares in three of the five remaining independent regional electricity companies surged again yesterday.

Unipalm

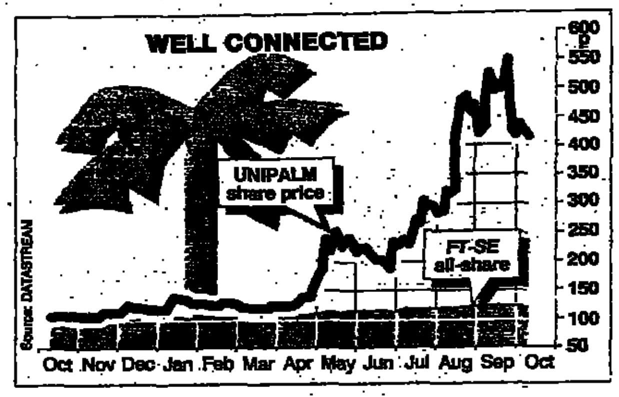
YESTERDAY'S £97 million offer from UUNET Technologies of the US for Unipalm Group, the largest UK access provider for the Internet international computer network, proves exactly how meaningless stock market statistics can be.

UUNET's offer represents a spectacular multiple of 304 times Unipalm's 1995 earnings per share. A figure in the mid-twenties would be more normal but the astronomical figure serves to demonstrate the current uncertainty on exactly how to value technology-related stocks as well as prospects for the futuristic world of the Internet.

Unipalm was floated at 100p a share in March 1994 at an apparently dizzy prospective price earnings multiple of 123.5 times.

The market, already nervous about volatile high-technology stocks, was unsure what to make of yesterday's complex offer, which is linked to a fraction of UUNET's share Nasdaq-quoted share price and exchange rates.

Unipalm's market capitalisation is a fraction of its annual sales, but its fast-growing commercial customer base should make up for this. UUNET is betting that the *potential* of the Internet remains relatively untapped in the UK. This would also explain why Peter Dawe, *Unipalm's* founder and managing director, plans to keep most of his new-found wealth invested in the new entity.



M&S

THE catalogue of attempts by British retailers to expand overseas makes sad reading. Dixons lost its shareholders £270 million in America, where Marks & Spencer, that most British of British retailers, also came unstuck. M&S overpaid for Brooks Brothers, the upmarket tailor, just before the late Eighties recession struck the pockets of American customers.

Canada was also a nightmare for Marks, so how does its management feel it can get it right in a country like *China, packed with 1 billion* or more inhabitants of a totally alien culture and tradition?

M&S plainly feels it has learnt its lesson about expanding too fast, too far away from home and now has 450 *overseas outlets* in 25 countries.

In China, M&S appears to be copying the successful *WH Smith* expansion in America by opening one store at a time. Marks, which officially opened a representative office in Shanghai yesterday, is starting with a single pilot store in Shanghai before deciding on whether to proceed with plans to build up to a national chain of 50.

China has attracted a rush of foreign companies in recent years including retailers from Japan and Europe, such as Printemps, the French group.

They seem untroubled by the strict limits on imported goods, the need to recruit local managers and the 100 per cent tariff levied on *imported clothing. Marks &* Spencer said yesterday it had made no decision yet on how to operate in China, nor on *how much to invest.*

Lasmo

WHEN asked how they enjoy doing business in such a risky part of the world as Algeria, Lasmo's oil executives will tell you that the Anadarko field is a long way from major centres of population, which are the normal terrorist trouble spots.

Such risks are now almost essential for an oil company that wishes to expand in life after the North Sea oil runs out.

Like BP's success in volatile Columbia, Lasmo's gamble in taking a 25 per cent interest in the Anadarko project in the Sahara desert, 400 miles south of Algiers, appears to be paying off.

Long-suffering shareholders in Lasmo have recently watched the shares surge to a two-year high. Yesterday, *one of the reasons for the re*cent strength unfolded with an announcement that estimates of the Ghadames and *Illizi Basin reserves had been* raised by half from 1 billion to 1.5 billion barrels of oil.

Followers of oil companies *will have to grow used to bul*letins from such remote corners of the earth as the now traditional fields such as the North Sea dry up. Nigeria and Vietnam look promising.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	991-990	Mar	1009-1008
Mar	920-919	May	1025-1023
May	937-936	Jul	unq
Jul	955-954	Sep	-
Sep	972-971		
Dec	993-989		Volume: 7816

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2325-2320	Jul	2070-2060
Jan	2243-2240	Sep	2040-2030
Mar	2167-2165	Nov	2030-2000
May	*2110-2105*		*Volume 4254*

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	316.0-15.0
Spot: 383.0		Oct	288.5-87.5
Dec	347.0-46.5	Dec	286.5-84.8
Mar	325.0-24.5	Mar	284.9-82.3
May	319.0-18.0		Volume: 875

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	98.42	100.24	124.32
(+/-)	+0.72	-1.04	-0.66
Eng/Wales	98.50	100.98	123.08
(+/-)	*+0.69*	*-0.51*	*-0.96*
(%)	+19.0	-14.0	-14.0
Scotland:	97.20	97.57	129.34
(+/-)	-1.42	-3.44	+0.69
(%)	-27.0	-2.0	-17.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.05	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.05	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.90	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.40	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.15	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 170 (-2)	O: 172 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	147 (-1)	148 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	148 (-1)	149 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	148 (-1)	149 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (-1)	85 (-1)
Naphtha	150 (-2)	151 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Oct	*146.25-46.50*	*Jan*	*149.00-49.25*
Nov	148.00-48.25	Feb	148.75-49.00
Dec	148.50-48.75		Vol: 31613

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.01-16.02	Feb	15.68-15.70
Dec	*15.87-15.88*	*Mar*	*15.60 BID*
Jan	15.77-15.78		Vol: 28905

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	116.40	Nov	108.10
Jan	118.75	Jan	111.15
Mar	120.75	Mar	113.60
May	122.85	May	115.65
Jul	124.25	Sep	104.00
	Volume: 465		Volume: 132

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	200.0	200.0
Apr	270.0	271.5
May	unq	327.5
		Volume: 140

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Nov 91.75-92.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1750	1725	1730
Nov 95	1710	1675	1700
Dec 95	1680	1670	1678
Jan 96	1695	1680	1680

Vol: 468 lots *Open Interest: 3436*
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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2762.5-2763.0	2729.0-2730.0	1455300
Lead ($/tonne)	*585.00-585.50*	*593.50-594.00*	*225925*
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	948.00-949.00	971.00-972.00	306800
Tin ($/tonne)	6045.0-6055.0	6100.0-6105.0	22795
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1645.0-1646.0	1680.5-1681.0	1997550
Nickel ($/tonne)	7680.0-7685.0	7795.0-7800.0	63954

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom.	500	13	24½	33	3	18½	22
(*509½)	550	0	5	13	40½	53	55
Argyll	330	7½	19	27	3	13	17½
(*334½)	360	0	8	14	25½	32½	35
ASDA	100	4	8½	11	1	4	6
(*102½)	110	0½	4	6½	7½	9½	11
Boots	550	19	33	45½	1	12	17½
(*567½)	600	0	10½	21	32½	41½	45
Br Airways	420	39	46½	57	0	5	8½
(*459½)	460	6½	20½	32	7	19½	24
BP	420	39	45	49½	0	3	7
(*458½)	460	6	18½	24½	5	16	21½
Br Steel	160	9½	13	17½	0½	4½	6½
(*168½)	180	0½	4½	8	11½	15½	17
C & W	390	19	33½	42½	0½	11½	15½
(*407½)	420	1½	18	28	13½	26	30
CU	550	24	42	53	1	12	23½
(*572½)	600	1	17	26½	28	36	50
ICI	750	37½	59½	70½	0½	10½	23
(*786)	800	4	29	41½	17	30½	46
Kingfishr	460	34	48½	60	0	8	17
(*493½)	500	4½	23½	35½	10	23	34½
Land Sec	550	49½	56	60	0	2½	7
(*599)	600	6	21	33	5½	18	24½
M & S	390	30	36½	45½	0	4½	7½
(*419½)	420	4	17	26½	4½	15	19
Nat West	600	15	37½	45½	3½	18½	31½
*(*610)*	*650*	*0½*	*16*	*23*	*40*	*46½*	*61*
Sainsbury	420	10½	23	31	1	9	13
(*428½)	460	0	6½	12	31½	34½	36½
Shell	700	49½	61½	71	0	3	9½
(*745½)	750	4	24½	36	9	16½	29½
Smkl Bch	600	36½	52	63½	0	11½	16½
(*635½)	650	2½	22½	34	15½	31	38
Storehse	300	6½	17	23½	2	10½	13½
(*304)	330	0	5½	10½	25½	29	31
Trafalgar	25	4	6	5½	0	3½	4
(*29)	30	1	3½	6	2	6½	7
Unilever	1250	14½	43½	66	6½	20	42
(*1256)	1300	1	21½	41	44	54½	69½
Zeneca	1150	29	78	102	8½	39½	62
(*1168½)	1200	6	52½	76	39½	64	86½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met.	420	19	28	34	9	20	23
(*425½)	460	6	13	17	39½	45½	47½
Ladbroke	160	5½	12	14	4	7½	10
(*160½)	180	0½	4	6	19½	20½	22½
Utd Bisc	260	16½	26	31	5	9½	13½
(*273½)	280	5½	16	21	14	19½	24

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	460	10½	26	34½	1½	12½	16½
(*467½)	500	0	8	15½	32½	37½	39½
Thames W	500	40	48½	60	0	8½	13
(*539½)	550	2½	20½	32½	13	29½	35
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	500	48½	63	69	1½	8	15½
(*545½)	550	15½	32½	38½	16	26½	37
BTR	300	21½	29½	32½	2	4½	8½
(*318½)	330	4	12	15	13	17½	23
Br Aero	700	43½	69½	79	9	23	31½
(*728½)	750	16½	41	53	32½	45½	55
Br Telcm	360	26½	31½	36	1	6	8
(*382½)	390	7	14	19	11	20	22
Cadbury	500	29	45	48	9	15½	20½
(*519)	550	10½	21½	25	34½	40½	46
Guinness	500	13	30	34½	9½	17½	24½
(*500½)	550	1	10½	14½	49½	51	55½
GEC	300	31	36½	42½	0½	3½	5
(*329)	330	7½	16½	23	7	14	16
Hanson	191	10½	14	—	2	7	—
(*199)	211	1½	4½	—	13	18½	—
LASMO	140	20	23½	25½	0½	2	3½
(*158½)	160	5½	11½	13	5½	9	11
Lucas	200	6½	15	18	6½	11½	13½
(*205)	220	0½	7	9½	21	24	25½
Pilkingtn	180	19	23½	29	1	4½	5½
(*197)	200	5½	12	17	7	12½	13½
Prudential	360	17	27½	34	6	12½	20
(*369)	390	3½	13	19	23½	28	30½
Redland	360	15	27	34½	6	12	20
(*364)	390	4	13	20	26½	29½	37½
R-Royce	160	9½	15	18	2½	5½	8½
*(*168)*	*180*	*1*	*6*	*9*	*14½*	*17*	*19½*
Tesco	300	13½	22½	29	4	9½	14
(*307½)	330	1½	8½	13½	23	25½	30
Vodafone	240	22	28½	34½	2½	7½	10½
(*256½)	260	10½	17½	24	10	16	19
Williams	300	25	34	38	0½	3	7
(*322½)	330	5	14½	19	10	14	20

FT-SE INDEX (*3471½)

	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550	3600
Calls						
Oct	121½	77	39½	15	5	1
Nov	151	112	79½	52½	32½	18
Dec	173	137	107½	80	57	38½
Jan	—	162	—	104	—	61
Jun	—	229	—	175	—	123½
Puts						
Oct	6	11	24	50	91	141
Nov	23½	35½	53½	77½	109½	148
Dec	39½	54	74	97½	126	160
Jan	—	66	—	109	—	169½
Jun	—	122	—	166	—	215½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat.	500	58	69½	71½	3	11½	16
(*549)	550	22½	37	39½	17	31½	37
Amstrad	260	20	28	34½	7½	12	14½
(*271½)	280	10	18	24½	17	22	24
Barclays	700	45½	62	70	11½	26½	32½
(*725½)	750	18½	34½	44	35½	51½	58
Blue Circ.	280	24½	31	35½	5	9½	15½
(*295½)	300	12½	22	24½	13	18	25
Br Gas	240	10	15½	18½	7½	9½	15½
(*245½)	260	4½	7½	10½	22½	25	27½
Dixons	360	24	33½	41	9	17	19½
(*370½)	390	9½	20½	26½	25	32½	34½
Forte	220	21	26½	29	2	5	8
(*235½)	240	9	14	17	9	12½	16½
Tarmac	80	11½	15½	16½	2	3	5
(*89)	90	5½	9½	11	5½	7½	9½
Hillsdown	*160*	14½	19	20	2	4	9
(*173)	180	3½	8½	9½	11½	13½	19½
Lonrho	160	12½	16	19½	4	7½	9
(*166)	180	4	7	11	15½	19	20½
Sears	100	9	11½	13	1½	3	5
(*107)	110	3½	6	7½	6½	8	9½
Thrn Emi	1400	70½	98	131½	29½	43	52½
(*1425)	1450	45½	72	103	54½	67	72
Tomkins	240	11½	17	22½	8	12½	14½
(*240½)	260	4	8½	12½	21	24½	26
TSB	330	42½	47	51½	3	7	9½
(*367½)	360	19	23½	31½	9½	18	21
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Well	750	18½	45½	58	2½	17½	30½
(*764½)	800	1	20½	33	35½	44	56
HSBC	850	50	81	101½	1	19½	38
(*896½)	900	12½	50	72	13½	37½	60
Reuter	500	50	66½	76	0	6	12½
(*549½)	550	9	32½	44½	7	22	30½
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal Ins.	330	28½	40	46½	0	7	14½
(*358)	360	4½	21½	28½	6½	18½	28
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	3½	4½	7½	2	1½	1½
(*262½)	280	0	0	0	19	19½	20½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	29½	28½	27½	0½	1	1½
(*972½)	1000	0½	0	0½	22½	31½	32½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	27½	37	48	9	13½	20
(*477½)	500	8	18½	27	30	33½	40½
Scot Pwr	330	26½	32	38	5½	10	10½
(*348½)	360	9½	15½	22	17½	23½	24½

October 11, 1995 Tot: 43841 Call: 27242 Put: 16599 FT-SE Call: 5411 Put: 6405
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 67827	Dec 95	3473.0	3495.0	3462.0	3486.0	13850
	Mar 96	3499.0	3518.0	3496.0	3515.0	724
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3538	Dec 95				3935.0	0
	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling *Previous open interest: 343314*	Dec 95	93.32	93.36	93.30	93.35	30436
	Mar 96	93.36	93.38	93.27	93.37	29669
	Jun 96	93.25	93.27	93.15	93.26	20903
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 110	Dec 95				94.22	0
	Mar 96				94.36	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 761593	Dec 95	96.06	96.06	96.01	96.02	21470
	Mar 96	96.16	96.16	96.06	96.09	43346
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 99306	Dec 95	104-30	105-11	104-24	105-04	48068
	Mar 96	104-21	104-21	104-21	104-18	20
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	120.40	120.55	120.38	120.50	2000
	Mar 96	119.40	119.43	119.40	119.44	180
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 195176	Dec 95	95.46	95.60	95.32	95.47	115379
	Mar 96	94.85	94.86	94.79	94.88	417
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 18201	Dec 95	94.17	94.29	94.12	94.28	3167
	Mar 96	94.40	94.46	94.35	94.46	796
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 47682	Dec 95	97.66	97.68	97.63	97.66	3075
	Mar 96	97.75	97.75	97.70	97.72	1823
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 45497	Dec 95	101.37	102.10	101.22	101.96	37834
	Mar 96				101.61	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6½ Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.78	n/a	5.74	5.74	5.78
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.50-384.90 Close: $384.40-384.90 High: $384.50-384.90
Low: $382.50-383.00 *AM:* $384.70 *PM:* $384.50

Krugerrand: $385.50-387.50 (£244.50-246.50)

Platinum: $414.75 (£263.65) **Silver:** $5.43 (£3.445) **Palladium:** $138.25 (£87.90)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5061-2.5125	2.5089-2.5121	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	46.06-46.20	46.06-46.16	12-9pr	32-27pr
Copenhagen	8.6810-8.7210	8.6810-8.7030	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9769-0.9802	0.9772-0.9797	9-6pr	21-16pr
Frankfurt	2.2371-2.2434	2.2403-2.2434	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	234.77-235.78	235.15-235.78	32-60ds	128-173ds
Madrid	193.33-194.31	193.33-193.63	42-51ds	138-154ds
Milan	2524.9-2541.6	2524.9-2529.0	7-9ds	25-27ds
Montreal	2.1017-2.1111	2.1017-2.1047	0.12-0.04pr	0.18-0.07pr
New York	1.5722-1.5782	1.5722-1.5732	0.13-0.11pr	0.35-0.32pr
Oslo	9.8470-9.8870	9.8470-9.8620	[illegible]	4-3pr
Paris	7.8030-7.8480	7.8030-7.8170	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	10.917-10.974	10.917-10.941	[illegible]	6-7ds
Tokyo	158.58-159.55	158.58-158.85	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	15.750-15.789	15.763-15.789	[illegible]	10-6pr
Zurich	1.8133-1.8189	1.8158-1.8187	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3080-1.3097
Austria	10.01-10.02
Belgium (Com)	29.28-29.29
Canada	1.3360-1.3365
Denmark	5.5225-5.5255
France	4.9710-4.9741
Germany	1.4232-1.4235
Hong Kong	7.7310-7.7320
Ireland	*1.6085-1.6105*
Italy	1607.75-1608.75
Japan	100.93-101.00
Malaysia	2.5385-2.5395
Netherlands	1.5942-1.5952
Norway	6.2648-6.2685
Portugal	149.41-149.51
Singapore	1.4230-1.4240
Spain	123.22-123.32
Sweden	6.9545-6.9620
Switzerland	1.1540-1.1545

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5746-1.5772
Australia dollar	2.0607-2.0637
Bahrain dinar	0.5890-0.6010
Brazil real*	1.5089-1.5131
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7040-0.7140
Finland markka	6.7350-6.8510
Greece drachma	364.75-371.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1717-12.1804
India rupee	52.95-53.91
Indonesia rupiah	3535.0-3603.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4665-0.4765
Malaysia ringgit	3.9966-4.0007
New Zealand dollar	2.3833-2.3866
Pakistan rupee	49.64 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6825-5.8065
Singapore dollar	2.2405-2.2432
S Africa rand (com)	5.7110-5.8130
U A E dirham	5.7325-5.8565

Barclays Bank GTS *Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	809	Land Secs	875
ASDA Gp	2,800	Legal & Gn	1,900
Abbey Ntl	5,000	Lloyds Bk	17,000
Allied Dom	2,800	Marks Spr	3,300
Argyll Gp	1,600	Mid Elec	176
Arjo Wggns	982	NatWst Bk	3,100
AB Foods	700	Nat Power	1,500
BAA	3,800	NW Water	5,300
BAT Inds	11,000	P & O	3,100
BOC	813	Pearson	1,700
BP	6,100	PowerGen	1,800
BSkyB	3,800	Prudential	2,700
BTR	8,700	REXAM	2,100
BT	6,900	RMC	660
Bk of Scot	2,200	RTZ	1,500
Barclays	8,600	Rank Org	3,600
Bass	1,200	Recklt Col	805
Blue Circle	3,400	Redland	928
Boots	2,300	Reed Intl	963
BAe	865	Rentokil	979
BA	3,400	Reuters	3,300
Brit Gas	8,500	Rolls Royce	3,600
Brit Steel	6,400	Royal Ins	2,500
Burmah Cstl	1,600	Ryl Bk Scot	15,000
Cable Wire	3,800	Sainsbury	2,900
Cadbury	3,100	Schroders	136
Carlton Cms	1,400	Scot & New	981
Cm Union	4,200	Scot Power	1,800
Cookson	6,400	*Sears*	10,000
Courtaulds	3,500	Svrn Trent	2,300
De La Rue	109	Shell Trans	4,900
Enterpr Oil	2,300	Siebe	561
Fisons	3,900	Smkl Bch	7,500
Forte	1,300	Smith Nph	536
GKN	961	Sthern Elec	347
GRE	3,100	Std Chartd	4,400
GUS	2,300	Sun Allnce	869
Gen Acc	636	TI Gp	667
Gen Elec	2,900	TSB	26,000
Glaxo Well	5,500	Tate & Lyle	699
Granada	2,500	Tesco	3,200
Grand Met	4,800	Thames W	314
Guinness	3,300	Thrn EMI	1,700
HSBC	1,500	Tomkins	1,100
Hanson	7,900	Unilever	1,100
ICI	2,300	Vodafone	10,000
Inchcape	2,600	Whitbread	860
Kingfisher	1,700	Wlms Hld	1,300
LASMO	20,000	Wolseley	443
Ladbroke	2,000	Zeneca	1,400

	Oct 11 midday	Oct 10 close
AMP Inc	37¼	37½
AMR Corp	69¾	69½
AT & T	63¼	63
Abbott Labs	38¾	40¼
Advanced Micro	25¾	25½
Aetna Life	71	70½
Ahmanson (HF)	25¾	25¾
Air Prod & Chem	50¾	50¾
Albertson's	33½	33½
Alcan Aluminm	30½	30½
Alco Standard	81½	80½
Allied Signal	44¾	44¾
Alum Co of Am	51¼	53
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	46½	46½
Amer Brands	42¾	42½
Amer El Power	37¾	37½
Amer Express	43¼	42¾
Amer Genl Corp	37	36¾
Amer Home Pr	87¼	87¾
Amer Intl	86½	85½
Amer Stores	29¼	29½
Ameritech	51½	52¼
Amoco	64¼	64½
Anheuser-Busch	63¾	63¾
Apple Computer	34½	34¾
Archer Daniels	15½	15
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	53¾	53¾
Asarco	31	31¼
Ashland Oil	31½	32
Atl Richfield	105¾	109½
Auto Data Pro	70	69¾
Avery Dennison	47¼	46½
Avon Products	72¼	72½
Baker Hughes	20½	20½
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26½
Banc One	37¼	37¼
BankAmerica	62¼	62
Bank of NY	48¼	47¾
Bankers Tr NY	68¼	67¾
Barnett Banks	56¾	55¾
Bausch & Lomb	38¾	38¼
Baxter Intl	40	40¼
Becton Dickinsn	62¾	62¾
Bell Atlantic	60¾	60¾
Bell Industries	20¼	20
BellSouth	74½	73½
Black & Decker	33¾	33½
Block (H&R)	39¼	38¾
Boeing	65¼	64¾
Boise Cascade	37¾	37¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	74	74¾
Browning Ferris	28¾	28¾
Brunswick	20¾	20
Burlington Nthn	74¾	73¼
CBS	79¼	79¾
CNA Financial	114¾	115
CPC Intl	69	69
CSX	80½	78¾
Campbell Soup	51½	52
Can Pacific	16¼	16¼
Cpd Cities ABC	116	115½
Carolina Pwr	33¼	33½
Caterpillar	52¼	52¾
Central & SW	26	26
Champion Intl	53¾	52¾
Chase Manhat	64½	64½
Chemical Bk	63¼	63
Chevron Corp	49¾	49¾
Chrysler	53¼	52¾
Chubb Corp	94	94¾
Cigna Corp	102	101½
Citicorp	71½	71¼
Clorox	70¾	70¾
Coastal Corp	33	33
Coca Cola	71¾	71½
Colgate-Palmolive	67¾	67¾
Columbia Gas	37¾	38
Compaq Comp	46	45¾
Comp Ass Intl	40½	39¾
Conagra	39¾	40¼
Conrail	70½	69¾
Cons Edison	30¼	30½
Cons Nat Gas	40¾	40
Cooper Inds	34¼	34½
Corestates	37¾	37
Corning Inc	28¾	28¾
Crown Cork	36	36½
Dana Corp	27¾	27¾
Dayton Hudson	71½	72½
Deere	83¼	83
Delta Air Lines	67¾	66½
Deluxe Corp	32½	33
Detroit Edison	32¾	32¾
Digital Equip	43½	43¾
Dillard Dept St	32	32
Disney (Walt)	55¾	55¾
Dominion Res	38¾	38¾
Donnelley (RR)	38¾	38½
Dover Corp	37	37½
Dow Chemical	73¾	73¾
Dow Jones	36¼	36¼
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	44¼	44½
Dun & Bradstreet	59¾	59½
Du Pont	65¾	65½
Eastman Kodak	57¾	58½
Eaton Corp	53¾	53½
Emerson Elec	70¾	70¾

	Oct 11 midday	Oct 10 close
Engelhard Corp	24½	24¾
Enron Corp	33¾	33¾
Entergy	27¾	27
Ethyl Corp	10¾	11
Exxon	73¾	73¾
FMC Corp	71¼	72
FPL Group	40¾	41¾
Federal Express	80	80
Fed Nat Mrge	109	107¾
First Chicago	71¼	70¾
First Interstate	109¾	108¾
First Union Rlty	7¼	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	39¼	38¾
Fluor Corp	56¾	56¾
Ford Motor	29¾	29¾
GTE Corp	40¾	40¾
Gannett	54¾	54½
Gap Inc Del	38	38¾
Gen Dynamics	51½	52
Gen Electric	62¾	63¾
Gen Mills	56½	56½
Gen Motors	45	44¾
Gen Reinsurance	147¾	148
Gen Signal	29¼	29
Genuine Parts	39¾	39¾
Georgia Pac	87¼	86¾
Gillette	48¼	48¾
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24¾	24
Goodrich (BF)	61½	61½
Goodyear Tire	38¾	37¾
Grace (WAR)	65½	65¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	22¼	22¾
Great Wstn Fin	24	23¾
Halliburton	43¼	41¾
Harcourt General	41¼	41¾
Heinz (HJ)	46¼	47¼
Hercules	54¾	54¾
Hershey Foods	65¼	66
Hewlett Packard	80	78¾
Hilton Hotels	65½	65¾
Home Depot	39¾	39¾
Homestake Mng	17¼	17¾
Honeywell	42¼	42
Household Intl	64¾	63¾
Houston Inds	48¼	46¾
Humana	18¾	18¾
ITT Corp	120¾	119¾
Illinois Tool	56	57
Illinova	28	27¾
INCO	33¾	32¾
Ingersoll Rand	36¾	36
Inland Steel	22	21¾
Intel Corp	62¾	61¾
IBM	97¼	96¾
Intl Flav & Fr	47¼	46¾
Intl Paper	37¾	38¼
James River Va	32¼	31¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	75¾	76¼
Kellogg	74¾	74¾
Kerr-McGee	58¾	58¾
Kimberly-Clark	68¼	68¾
Kmart	12¾	12¾
Knight-Ridder	57½	57¾
Lilly (Eli)	92¾	92
Limited Inc	20¼	20¾
Lincoln Nat	47	46¾
Litton	41¼	41¾
Liz Claiborne	26¾	26¾
Lockheed Martin	66¼	65¾
Louisiana Pac	22¾	22¼
MCI Comm	25¼	25¾
Marriott Intl	37¾	37¾
Marsh & McLnn	85¾	85¾
Masco Corp	27¼	27¾
May Dept St	43¾	43¾
Maytag Corp	17¼	17¾
McDonalds	38¾	38¾
McDonnell D	78¾	77¾
McGraw Hill	80¼	80¾
Mead Corp	55¾	55¾
Medtronic	53¾	53¾
Mellon Bk	48	48¾
Melville Corp	35	34¾
Merck Inc	59¾	59¾
Merrill Lynch	60¾	58¾
Microsoft	89¾	87¾
Minnesota Mine	56¾	56¾
Mobil Corp	99¾	100¾
Monsanto	100¾	98
Morgan (JP)	77¾	77¾
Motorola Inc	64¾	64
Natl Semi	26	25¾
Natl Service Ind	29¾	29¾
Navistar Intl	11¾	11¾
NBD Bancorp	39¾	39¾
NY Times A	28¾	28¾
Newmont Mng	40¾	40¾
Niag Mohawk	10¼	10¾
Nike B	107¾	109¾
NL Industries	16	16¾
Noram Energy	7¼	7¼
Nordstrom	40¾	40¾
Norfolk Sthn	75¾	73¾
Nthn State Pwr	46¾	46¾
Norwest Corp	32	32¾
Nynex Corp	48¾	48¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ohio Edison	22¾	23¾
Oracle	37¾	37
Oryx Energy Co	11¾	11¾

	Oct 11 midday	Oct 10 close
Owens Corning	43¼	43¾
PPG Industries	44¾	44¾
PNC Bank	29	28¾
PP&L Res	23¾	23¾
Paccar Inc	46	45¾
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	25½	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	30¾	30¾
Pac Telesis	30¾	30¾
Pall Corp	23	23
Panhandle East	27¾	27¾
Peco Energy	29	29¾
Penney (JC)	46¾	47
Pennzoil	43¾	44
Pepsico	51¾	51¾
Pfizer	54¾	55
Phelps Dodge	61¾	62¾
Philip Morris	85	84¾
Phillips Pet	31¾	31¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	41¾
Polaroid	40	40
PriceCostco	17¾	17¾
Procter & Gmbl	79¾	80¾
Providian	41¾	41¾
Pub Serv E & G	29¾	29¾
Quaker Oats	31¾	31¾
Ralston Purina	59¾	59¾
Raychem Corp	44¾	43¾
Raytheon	86¾	85¾
Reebok Intl	33¾	32¾
Reynolds Metals	51¾	53¾
Roadway Srvcs	44¾	44¾
Rockwell Intl	45¾	44¾
Rohm & Haas	57¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	123¾	125¾
Rubbermaid	27	27¾
SBC Comms	55¾	55¾
Safeco Corp	65¾	64¾
St Paul's Cos	57¾	56¾
Salomon Inc	38¾	38
Sara Lee Corp	29¾	29¾
Seecorp	17¾	17¾
Schering Plough	51¾	51¾
Schlumberger	65¾	65¾
Scott Paper	49¾	49¾
Seagram	36¾	36¾
Sears Roebuck	34¾	34¾
Shell Trans	71¾	72¾
Sherwin Wllms	35¾	35¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	24¾	24¾
Sprint Corp	34¾	34¾
Stanley Works	45¾	45¾
Sun Company	25¾	25¾
Sun Microsys	54¾	54¾
Suntrust	66¾	66¾
Supervalu	29¾	30
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¾
TRW Inc	71¾	70¾
TCC Inds	2¾	2¾
Tandem Comp	11¾	11
Tandy Corp	59¾	58
Teledyne	24¾	23
Temple Inland	49	48¾
Tenneco	44¾	44
Texaco	65	65¾
Texas Inst	70¾	71¾
Texas Utilities	34¾	34¾
Textron	67¾	68
Time Warner	38¾	38¾
Times-Mirror A	29¾	29¾
Timken	41¾	41¾
Torchmark	43¾	43¾
Toys R Us	27¾	27
Transamerica	69¾	69¾
Travelers	51¾	51
Tribune	61¾	62¾
Tyco Labs	60¾	60
UST Inc	29¾	29¾
UAL	172¾	169¾
US Inds	15½	15¾
USX Marathon	19	19¾
Unicom	32¾	32¾
Unilever NV	131¾	130¾
Union Camp	54¾	54¾
Union Carbide	38	37¾
Union Pacific	64¾	63¾
Unisys Corp	7¾	7¾
USAir Group	12½	12¾
USF&G Corp	18¾	18¾
US Life	29¾	29¾
US West	47¾	47
United Tech	85¾	84¾
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	44¾	44¾
VF Corp	50¾	51¾
WMX Tech	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	89	88¾
Wells Fargo	207¾	204
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¾
Weyerhaeuser	46¾	46¾
Whirlpool	54¾	55
Whitman	20¾	20¾
Winn Dixie	61	60¾
Woolworth	15¾	15¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	48¾	49¾
Xerox	128¾	129¾
Yellow Corp	13¾	13¾

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Damage limitation

THE hasty departure of Rupert Pennant-Rae from the Bank of England leaves him well-placed to give advice in his latest appointment. The Bank's former deputy governor, already on the board of Caspian and soon to join BAT Industries, has signed up as a non-executive director of Dewe Rogerson, the financial public relations company.

"His knowledge of the capital markets and international business will be of great help in developing our position as the leading organisation in our field," gushes Roddy Dewe, chairman of the PR outfit. But perhaps Pennant-Rae's experience of damage limitation when tabloid journalists come crashing through your front door may prove just as invaluable.

Healthy billing

PETER OWEN, group chief executive of PPP, the healthcare group, paced the boards and mopped his brow before he went on stage at the Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, yesterday. Owen was performing at the launch of PPP's £30 million spending bonanza, and played to an audience of more than 400. But, unlike Sir John Gielgud, who played *Hamlet* on the same stage, or Fred Astaire, who starred in *Stop Flirting*, Owen read his lines from a teleprompter. Purists would have been aghast. Lily Savage, one of Britain's better-loved transvestites, is next billing at Queens Theatre.

GET the Tipp-ex ready. From Monday, the name Smith New Court will be dropped from all but legal documents so as to reflect the recent merger with Merrill Lynch. Will swear boxes be put out at Smith New Court House, 20 Farringdon Road?

"Spring should be safe enough — no leaves on the lines"

Much verse

TODAY'S National Poetry Day is being celebrated in the City by one of the top accountancy firms, Binder Hamlyn. Staff are rereading the volume entitled *Random Rhymes* written by their founder, Sir Bernhard Binder in 1943. Binder became president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in 1948. The 50 poems include such gems as *Your task do not shirk — get on with your work* and *Work while smiling — so beguiling — not reviling — our lot.* Mary Reilly, both a Binder Hamlyn partner and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, revealed: "Poetry is my hobby. It soothes the soul after the stresses and strains of a City day."

Rooms to let?

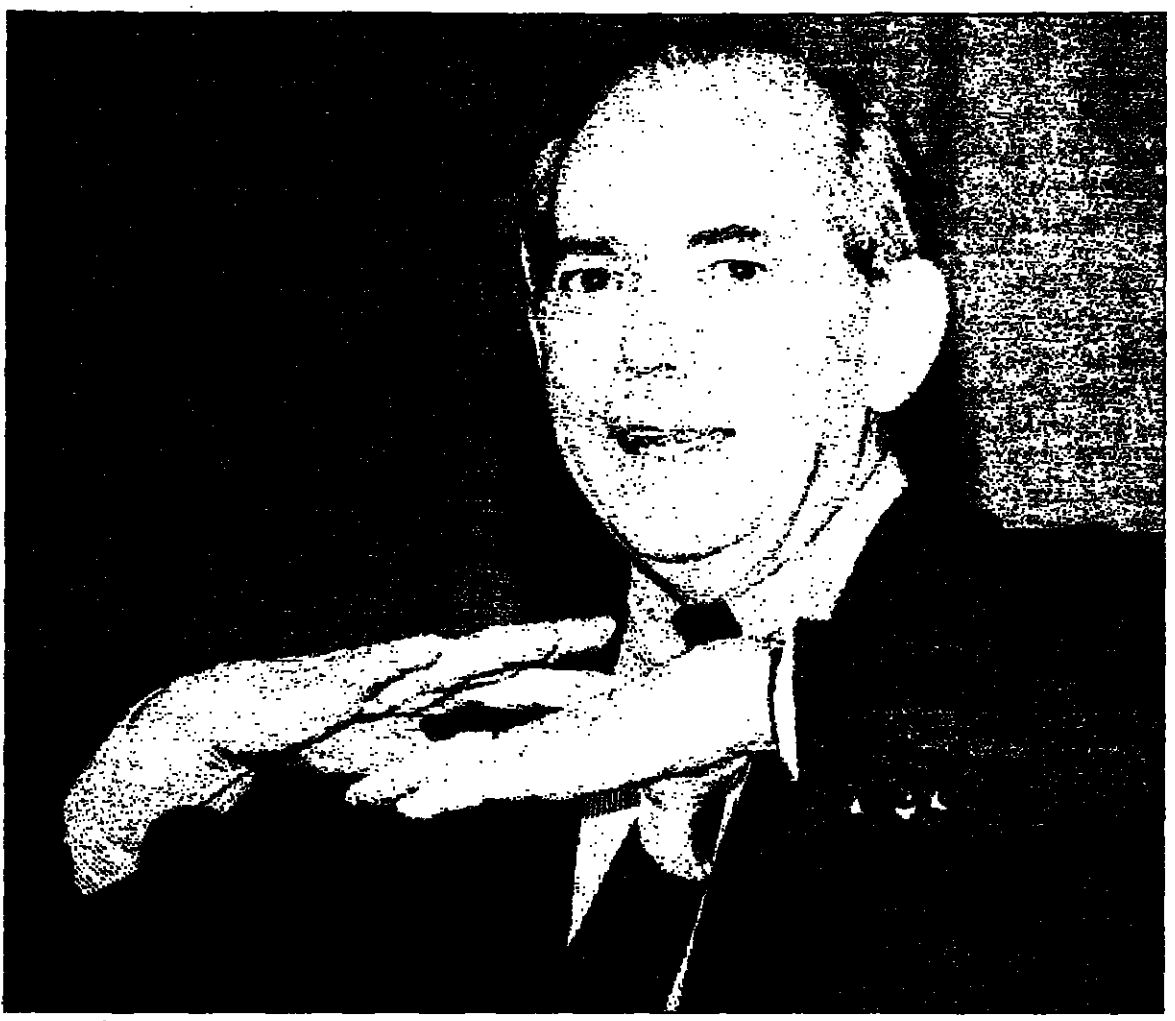
THE merged Lloyds TSB group has decided against digging a tunnel to connect the Lloyds head office at 71 Lombard Street to TSB's newly refurbished offices down the road at number 60 Lombard Street. Instead, TSB is moving into Lloyds, where TSB staff will have to get used to the lovely yellow listed lino. Meanwhile, offers are invited for a long lease in the middle of the City.

COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW ANATOLE KALETSKY

Too busy doing nothing to halt Europe's financial folly

Things are not as stable as world finance ministers and bankers would have us all believe



Michel Camdessus, head of the IMF, whose message is a triumph of manipulation over economic judgment

Kenneth Clarke is one of those rare politicians who can usually be relied on to say what he thinks and say it colourfully and clearly. But even by the Chancellor's eloquent standards he gave a revealing answer when asked at his press conference in Washington to summarise "in one sentence" the single most important achievement of the weekend meeting of the G7. The Chancellor began in his usual boisterous tone, but with every new word, his speech became slightly slower: "I'm glad you asked that question. The meeting, as I said before, was most interesting . . . and . . . useful. Its . . . main . . . achievement . . . was . . . er . . . um . . ." At this point, the Chancellor smiled sheepishly and the audience broke out in laughter. It was the first time I had ever seen Mr Clarke lost for words, but talking to the other finance ministers and officials assembled this week for the annual meetings of the G7, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington, it was clear that, as usual, Mr Clarke had presented the sharpest picture of what was really going on.

In principle, of course, there is nothing wrong with the world's finance ministers and central bankers simply indulging in an orgy of partying, over-eating and mutual admiration while they admonish everybody else to tighten their belts. Few of these people are missed by their own countrymen and the expense of the annual meetings does not fall on G7 taxpayers. The ministers with their large delegations are flown, first class, to Washington out of the reserves of the IMF and World Bank — in other words, at the expense of the mainly poor countries to which they lend. Most of the parties are thrown by the thousands of private bankers who converge on the annual meetings, hoping either to lend more money or to retrieve the money they lent in previous years and wish they had not.

Of course, at a time when economic performance is satisfactory, a finance minister's most important function can be to do nothing and do it well. This is even more likely to be true at the global level, where G7 activism has often done more harm than good. That was the spirit of Washington this week. Consider the key sections of the G7 communiqué: "Ministers and Governors agreed that in most countries the conditions for continued growth and employment gains are in place and inflation is well under control or declining. The constructive monetary and fiscal policy measures outlined and/or implemented in recent months have contributed to this improved outlook, as have the general movements in exchange rates since their April meeting. Ministers and Governors welcomed the orderly reversal in the movements of the major currencies that began following their April meeting. They would welcome a continuation of these trends consistent with underlying economic fundamentals. They reaffirmed their commitment to reduce imbalances and to co-operate closely in exchange markets."

The G7's plan, therefore, is to leave well alone since everything is already for the best. The trouble is that few of the voters, businessmen or consumers back in the finance ministers' home countries — or even in America outside the opulent Washington hotel ballrooms — would agree with the Panglossian description of economic conditions in the first paragraph quoted above. Is it really true that "conditions for continued growth and employment gains are in place in most countries"? That does not seem to be the message from the World Economic Outlook (WEO), published by the IMF's own staff for the annual meeting.

Comparing the latest WEO forecasts with the ones published by the IMF for the meeting of the G7 last April, it is clear that growth has proved slower than expected this year in every G7 country (see chart). And while a few of the forecasts for next year have been upgraded, the suggested improvements are statistically insignificant and not very plausible, except perhaps in Canada, Britain and America.

In the case of France, Belgium and many of the smaller European countries — which the IMF, headed by Michel Camdessus, expects to enjoy a sharp rebound next year in spite of sharply higher taxes, cuts in public spending, persistent currency crises and a further slowdown in Germany, their main trading partner — the 1996 figures suggest a triumph of hope over experience or, more accurately, of political manipulation over economic judgment.

Concentrating on this year's figures, which come closer to reflecting current realities rather than wishful thinking about the future, it is hard to see anything that would justify in the current world outlook that would justify Dr Pangloss.

American, Canadian and British economies have all weakened significantly. But at least the causes of this Anglo-Saxon slowdown are easily understandable and likely to be reversed. Rightly or wrongly, all three of these countries decided last year that the 3.5 to 4 per cent growth rates and sharp reductions in unemployment they were then enjoying were too fast to be sustainable. They therefore raised interest rates with the deliberate intention of slowing their economies. Having achieved this, they are now likely to ease policy again — by cutting interest rates in America and taxes in Britain. The outcome, as the IMF predicts, is likely to be an acceleration of growth and a modest improvement in employment.

Looking beyond the Anglo-Saxon world, the slowdown in economic growth and employment that the G7 refuse to acknowledge seems to be more serious — and for reasons that the G7 ministers, of all people, should understand. Japan, Germany and France have all been crippled by overvalued currencies. And while the news from Japan is likely to start improving from now on, conditions in the hard-core countries of continental Europe are going from bad to worse.

Japan at least seems to be getting a grip on its problems. In September, it cut its interest rates virtually to zero and announced a reflationary fiscal package that, in spite of market scepticism, IMF economists and G7 ministers believe to be huge. The IMF estimates that it will add 1.6 per cent of GDP to Japan's budget deficit next year, taking the structural deficit, excluding social security, to 6.3 per cent of GDP. Even more importantly, Japan has eagerly collaborated with America to devalue the yen.

The situation in German and France could not be more different. Far from expanding fiscal policy, the Germans and particularly the French are pledged to cut budget deficits. And even if there are justifiable doubts about whether France will get anywhere near the budget cuts it has promised, the direction of change is clear — fiscal policy will be a depressing influence on growth. Yet monetary and exchange-rate policy, far from boosting the economy as they did in Britain and America, are making the deflation worse. The very fact that Germany and France could sign up to a G7 communiqué that welcomed the "orderly reversal" of major currency movements speaks volumes.

The mark is now only 2 per cent below the record high against the dollar that it reached last April. For Germany, therefore, the "reversal" in exchange rates welcomed by the G7 has simply not happened. Yet German officials in Washington showed little sign of dissatisfaction with the current dollar-mark or mark-yen exchange rates. They seemed more concerned about competitive pressures on German industry from Italy, Spain and Britain than from America or Japan.

German and French politicians are so obsessed with Europe that they have forgotten that most of the world economy lies beyond Europe's shores. They seem completely blind to the economic damage that can be done by overvalued exchange rates. If so, they will soon learn the hard way — as Britain did in 1992 and Japan is doing this year. Sooner or later, the franc and the mark will be devalued, with or without help from the G7. But until that happens, Dr Pangloss had better avert his gaze from Europe in his ex-officio post as secretary to the G7.

THE OUTLOOK DETERIORATES

IMF forecasts for GDP growth*

	1995 (%)		1996 (%)	
	Latest	Previous	Latest	Previous
United States	1.9	2.3	2.2	1.9
Japan	1.4	3.3	2.5	3.6
Germany	3.0	3.3	2.5	3.1
France	2.2	3.3	3.0	2.8
United Kingdom	2.2	3.1	3.2	2.7
Italy	2.4	3.3	2.8	2.8
Canada	0.7	3.2	3.4	2.5

** Up to the fourth quarter of each year*

Black Horse set to stay the course this time

Derek Wheatley recounts Lloyds Bank's history of failed mergers

Shortly after I joined Lloyds Bank in 1974, Brian Pitman was promoted to become a joint general manager of the bank at the early age of 43. He has now been group chief executive for 12 years, a far longer period than any other chief executive of a clearing bank. He is likely to remain in the post for up to two years to see through the successful merger with TSB. It will be the realisation of a cherished ambition and a vindication of a campaign during which he has faced enough setbacks to make many give up. "Big is best" has been his theme and it has already seen the profitability of Lloyds Bank rise damatically.

It has not all been easy for Sir Brian to reach his position now when he seems poised to triumph at last. In 1968, the 12 main clearing banks of a few years before had reduced to five, although National had still to join forces with Westminster to become NatWest. Lloyds planned to merge with Barclays and was only frustrated by an arbitrary decision taken on the advice of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) that such a merger would be so anti-competitive as to be against the public interest. A Lloyds flirtation for the Royal Bank of Scotland in December 1983 involved a sudden increase in its shareholding in RBS from 16.4 per cent to 21.34 per cent but resulted in swift action from the OFT which demanded that the previous position be restored within a year.

So great was the perceived need for there to be competition from a number of clearing banks of roughly equal size, that a government-commissioned report advocated a merger between TSB and Girobank to create a large fifth bank. As time passed commercial reality began to assert itself. The competitive advantages for a large bank are real. British banks were, and are, smaller then their US, Japanese and German rivals. They lost out because they did not possess the coveted AAA rating their larger foreign rivals had.

When Lloyds Bank made an offer for Standard Chartered in 1985, the OFT did not oppose. Events did. The timetable imposed by the Takeover Panel was a strict one. Lloyds owned a Californian bank and the requirements of the SEC, the US regulator, and the Federal Reserve bank, had to be satisfied. They were out of sync with the panel timetable and time became a real problem. The delay allowed the white knights, Tan Sri Khoo, Sir Y. K. Pao and Robert Holmes á Court, to intervene and buy shares in Standard Chartered. Why did they? What if any, were the inducements? History does not record. They subscribed for 14.9 per cent of the shares of Standard Chartered. The result was that Lloyds was unable to acquire enough shares for its bid to succeed. Only a few months ago, Lloyds sold the shares it had acquired at a large profit, perhaps to fuel more recent ventures.

Then in 1992 there was an auction for Midland Bank. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) made an offer for Midland. Lloyds Bank topped this offer by 42p per share, but the HSBC offer was still recommended by Midland. The reasons for the preference were explained in the documentation at the time, but not everyone found them very convincing. Yet again Lloyds Bank was bedevilled by the regulators. HSBC not being a British bank, was subject to the regulators in Brussels who cleared the bid. The Lloyds bid had to be called "a possible bid" to avoid immediate reference to the MMC which might well have ordered a full inquiry. Press and public sentiment were against Lloyds and in favour of HSBC because of a largely illusory fear that under Lloyds there would have been a greater loss of jobs. The delay would have allowed HSBC a clear field. The Lloyds "possible bid" had to stay in that unsatisfactory category and in the end HSBC triumphed because of the inequality of the regulatory position between the two rivals.

> ❛ And yet again Lloyds Bank was bedevilled by regulators ❜

The present bid is agreed. TSB has been trailing its coat for a suitor for some time just as Lloyds has been looking for a merger to increase its size and competitive edge. The EC regulators allowed the HSBC/Midland merger which created a group valued at £24 billion while the Lloyds TSB would be worth only £13.6 billion.

It seems unlikely that the OFT would now be able to balk Lloyds yet again and retain credibility. The position of the shareholders is clear. The shares of Lloyds went up 21p on Tuesday and those of TSB by 79p. This time it looks as if the Black Horse will last the course and win the handsome prize.

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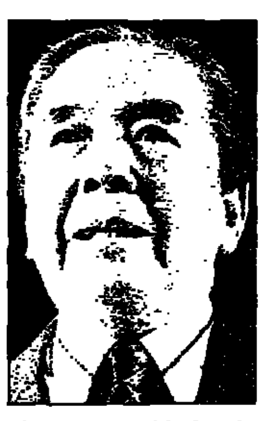

Sir Y.K. Pao: white knight

BUSINESS LETTERS

The hidden strengths and finances of the Internet

From Mr D. R. H. Davies

Sir, In his Saturday column (September 30), Tempus made a perceptive observation about the "overhyped world of the Internet". With the Labour Party about to roar down the information superhighway, it is interesting to understand why Internet has received so much publicity.

Internet technology is literally bomb-proof. Its origins date back to the US Department of Defence requirement for networking technology that would withstand a nuclear explosion. As a consequence there is very limited management capability in Internet technology. It requires a high level of technical expertise and considerable people resources to operate Internet networks, hence the techno-enthusiasm concerning it.

The other interesting and important fact is that Internet Service Providers are very often selling services that are paid for by other people, usually national governments. In the USA the National Science Foundation funded the Internet network and much of the information sources on it. This was increasingly resold by entrepreneurial institutions in the USA. The commercial distortion caused by this led the US Government to cease funding Internet, but only after a critical mass had been achieved.

In contrast, the Internet in Europe is in its infancy but the same commercial distortions are apparent. It will be interesting to see how long it takes European governments to realise what is happening.

As an example of government industrial policy, however, the Internet has been a significant success for American business. Maybe there are lessons that Europe can learn in this area.

Yours faithfully,
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Seriously mistaken

From Mr Bruce Shaxson

Sir, The discreditable actions of the Serious Fraud Office in sequestering the rights of Barings bondholders to take legal action against Mr Leeson is simply unbelievable.

Will the SFO now prevent them from pursuing those equally responsible, eg, Barings directors and senior management? Those who have been allowed to quietly disappear into the woodwork with their unseemly bonuses and now questionable reputations?

Are we, as individuals, prepared to witness the ruin of many ordinary investors to the advantage of the "great and good", a management in breach of its fiduciary duty to its clients?

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PowerGen bid

From B. C. Brooks

Sir, As a shareholder of PowerGen plc I have been invited to vote on the proposed acquisition of Midlands Electricity plc. PowerGen recommends the proposal and states that it has received financial advice from Goldman Sachs and says: "In giving its advice, Goldman Sachs has relied upon the directors' views on the commercial merits of the acquisition . . ." Of what possible value is such advice?

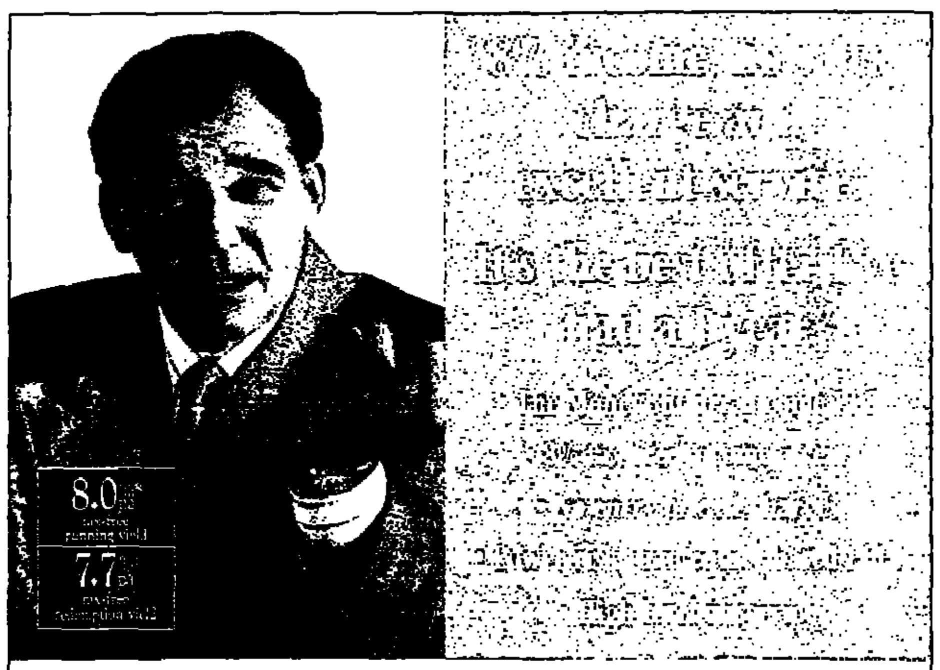
Yours faithfully,
B. C. BROOKS,
52 Larkspur Gardens,
Holbury, Hants.

Wise heads covered

From Mr Guy Erwood

Sir, Neither Lord Robens nor Lord Ezra, former bosses of Malcolm Edwards (photo, October 9), would have removed their safety helmets at a coal face, especially in the presence of miners.

Yours faithfully,
GUY ERWOOD,
Photographer, *Coal News*, 1969-72,
Fleet Hargate, Lincolnshire.



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A time of contrasting fortunes for two famous stores Down Under

Ex-Bass official forces retail shake-up

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE
IN SYDNEY

COLES MYER, Australia's largest retailer, yesterday bowed to intense pressure from its institutional shareholders in the wake of severe criticism over the way the company is run from a former Bass director who joined Coles Myer as finance director in June but quit three months later.

Under a radical restructuring, Coles Myer is proposing to split itself into four separate public companies, each with a separate management and independent boards. The shakeup comes just a month after Philip Bowman parted company with the retailing group claiming that there were fundamental differences of opinion between himself and some members of the board "in vital issues of corporate governance and propriety".

His allegations prompted a big investigation into the way Coles Myer conducts its business and in particular turned the spotlight on the dual role played by Solomon Lew, the chairman, and Lindsay Fox, a director, as both directors of and key suppliers to the company.

Companies owned by Mr Lew last year supplied goods and services worth almost A$100 million (£49 million) to Coles Myer, while companies controlled by Mr Fox supplied goods worth A$57 million.

Under the restructuring, a special purpose vehicle will also be created to hold the group's property portfolio.

In addition, Mr Lew will relinquish the role of executive chairman, which he took up earlier this year, and become non-executive chairman while a former New South Wales Premier, Nick Grenier, will become joint deputy chairman.

Bowman: in his Bass days

Mr Lew said: "The new board structure, together with the proposed restructuring, will fully address issues of corporate governance, both in the short and long term, in a manner consistent with the best interests of all Coles Myer shareholders."

He added: "Considerable time, energy and expense is required to manage the diverse businesses under the Coles Myer umbrella. The board wants to unlock the intrinsic value of the businesses and liberate them from the problems that bureaucracy brings."

However, the restructuring proposals did not go far enough for the group's biggest institutional shareholders, Bankers Trust, AMP and the State Super Corporation, which said they would continue to press for the appointment of an independent non-executive chairman and a board that consists of a majority of independent non-executive directors.

The institutions said that they would be proposing a number of independent non-executive directors to replace some of the existing directors at Coles Myer's annual meeting later this month, or if necessary at an extraordinary meeting, saying: "Our objective is clear, to allow all shareholders to vote to obtain a working majority of independent non-executive directors on the board who can, without perception of conflict, oversee the business and consider the options to enhance value for shareholders."

Mr Bowman and Coles Myer, meanwhile, continue to battle it out it court over the size of his termination payments. Mr Bowman is claiming A$2.2 million, while Coles Myer has offered a maximum of A$1.35 million

Dick Warburton, chairman, left, and Chris Tideman unveil the flotation details

Flotation for the Harrods of Australia

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
IN SYDNEY

CHRIS TIDEMAN, a former Burton director, announced the A$806 million (£391 million) flotation of David Jones, the Australian retailer, yesterday with the promise of an 11 per cent rise in operating profits to A$111 million for the year to July 1996.

David Jones, which is often dubbed the Harrods of Australia and boasts marble floors and chandeliers, opened its first store in 1838 and now has 32 stores throughout the country.

Mr Tideman, formerly chief executive of Burton's retail division and now chief executive of David Jones, said that the group intends to expand further in Australia with the opening of stores in suburban areas, although he ruled out expanding the group's operations overseas. He emphasised: "I'd like to make it clear that we have no intention whatsoever of moving the company downmarket." Mr Tideman joined the company 15 months ago.

Up to 10 per cent of the 375 million shares on offer have been earmarked for UK and other overseas institutional investors and a presentation will be made to UK institutions at the beginning of November.

Under the share offer retail investors will be offered shares at A$2.15, while institutions will be invited to bid for shares in a range from A$1.95 to A$2.15. The shares will be listed on the Australian stock exchange on November 27.

All the proceeds of the float will go towards repaying the A$1.2 billion debt owing from the days when David Jones was a subsidiary of the ill-fated Australian conglomerate, Adelaide Steamship Group, which had to be split up and sold off after running into massive debt.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Chancellor asked to help the aged

AGE CONCERN, the charity which campaigns for the elderly, is appealing to the Chancellor to introduce measures in the Budget to ease the plight of pensioners obliged to enter long-term residential care. The organisation is also calling for higher basic state pensions and increases in income support and housing benefit for the elderly. In its Budget submission published yesterday, Age Concern asks for the residential care capital limit to be raised from £8,000 to £16,000. Pensioners can only seek state help with care fees once their savings go below £8,000, a limit set in 1988. The person's home is included in this figure, unless a spouse continues to live in the property.

Age Concern points out that most pensioners do not enjoy generous occupational pensions, or earn large amounts from their savings. Only 34 per cent of existing pensioners and 38 per cent of new pensioners receive an occupational pension. The average amount received is £38.60 a week. Average weekly investment income is lower still at £8.70.

Alexandra advances

INCREASED exports helped Alexandra Workwear, Europe's largest uniforms supplier, to lift pre-tax profits 27 per cent to £2.7 million in the 28 weeks to August 12. The rise in profits reflected improved margins as sales only mustered a 7 per cent increase to £35.7 million. Gerald Dennis, chairman, said that "market conditions remained very competitive during the first half", but he was confident about future prospects. The dividend, due on December 1, was lifted from 2.3p to 2.5p, and is being paid out of earnings of 5.3p a share (4.3p).

Card Clear setback

CARD CLEAR, the supplier of electronic systems to combat credit card fraud, has suffered a setback in the third quarter, when its installation programme was disrupted by faulty equipment and the receivership of a leading supplier. The company, whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, said these problems were now resolved. The company, which reduced losses to £202,524 from £721,195 in the half year to June 30, is raising £600,000 through a share placing at 46p a share. Existing shares on AIM were unchanged at 48p.

GA in Royal Liver link

GENERAL ACCIDENT (GA) is to link up with Royal Liver Assurance, one of Britain's largest friendly societies, to create a new insurance arm. Royal Liver Insurance Services will sell the full range of GA's personal and commercial lines to the friendly society's three million members. Royal Liver will sell branded home buildings and contents policies as well as motor insurance underwritten by GA. The deal allows the friendly society to use GA's extensive branch network to sell general insurance products to members at a local level.

ACCOUNTANCY

Putting charity finances on sounder financial footings

Pesh Framjee assesses the impact that the new auditing regulations will have for charity officials

MARTIN BEDDALL

Pesh Framjee says a charity's accounts will show how its expenditure fulfils its objectives

The Home Office will shortly publish regulations on the new accounting, auditing and reporting regime under the Charities Act 1993. These regulations will come into force for accounting periods beginning on or after March 1, 1996. They will prescribe a framework for charity financial reporting and for the first time make mandatory an audit for charities with an annual income or expenditure above £250,000.

Charities falling under this limit but with income over £10,000 will require a less rigorous independent examination. To facilitate a better understanding of the regulations, they will be published along with the final Revised Statement of Recommended Practice (Sorp) on accounting by charities. The new regulations will not apply to charities constituted as companies.

But the revised Sorp, as best practice for all charities, will apply to charitable companies. It is a retrograde step that a disparate accounting, auditing and reporting regime will be created based on how a charity is constituted. Although the Sorp is not mandatory, the Charity Commissioners have explained that they would expect all charities to comply with the requirements unless another Sorp, more specific to them, is published.

The very nature of the raising and using of charity resources requires a different approach to financial reporting from that of commercial profit-orientated companies.

The users of charity financial statements need to assess the service the charity is providing.

Due to the constraints of trust law and the important matters of donor-imposed restrictions, it is vital that users of charity accounts can see what the increase or decrease in net resources represents.

The new regulations require that the resources of a charity should be grouped according to the restrictions on their use — the categories being unrestricted funds, restricted income funds and capital funds. The size of a charity is often measured by its income whereas the size of a commercial company is often measured through turnover. However, for a charity, it is its expenditure and not its income which fulfils its objectives. It is vital, therefore, that the analysis and presentation of expenditure within the accounts is given particular importance.

An audit will be mandatory for charities with an income or expenditure above £250,000

The aim should be to reflect its activities fairly so that readers of the accounts can understand how the charity's expenditure fulfils its objectives. Charities will be required to classify expenditure in a manner which will allow identification of the expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity, expenditure on fundraising and publicity and expenditure on the management and administration of the charity.

Any discussion on charity expenditure would be incomplete without reference to the ubiquitous cost ratios. The charity world and the giving public have an obsession with questions such as "How much is spent on administration?" and "How much is going directly to the beneficiaries?".

People believe they can assess the charity's efficiency and effectiveness by reviewing accounts and the public are often led to believe that minimal overheads alone show that the charity is effective. Due to a lack of performance information, inputs are used to value performance. The relative lack of performance accountability highlights a pressing need in the sector. Annual accounts and management information are very successful at measuring inputs, but say very little about outputs, outcomes and the impact of an organisation's performance on its stakeholders.

With charities, the pounds and pence may be only part of the picture and money may be a poor proxy for value. Therefore, the new regulations stress that it is important for the financial report to be accompanied by a narrative report from the trustees which explains what the organisation is aiming to achieve and how it is succeeding. The thrust is greater accountability and all the activities, including those of branches, should be included.

Members of the public will be entitled to request a charity's accounts and auditors will have a new whistle-blowing duty. Charities should be positive about facing the new challenges of new times, since greater accountability will lead to greater confidence. Hopefully, too, greater accountability will enhance recognition of the crucial role charities play in our society.

Pesh Framjee, the head of the Binder Hamlyn Charity Unit, is co-ordinator of the Charity Finance Directors' Group and is a member of the committee that reviewed the Sorp.

Tale that would tax a Wodehouse plot

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ROBERT
BRUCE

IT IS a great shame that P.G. Wodehouse never got down to using the complexities of taxation as the basis for one of his plots. It would be a natural starting-point for any Jeeves and Wooster saga, particularly as we now know how complex Wodehouse's dealings were with tax collectors on two continents. Perhaps the moment when his spleen was most vented is in the lyrics from the show *Sitting Pretty*.

"When the government assessors call
To try and sneak your little all
You simply hit them with an axe:
It's how you pay your income tax
In Bongo, it's on the Congo
And I wish that I was there."

Tony Ring, a past president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and a famed corporate tax adviser, has chosen *You Simply Hit Them With An Axe* as the title for his book on the tax turmoils of Wodehouse (available at £30 from Porpoise Books, 01628 273867). It is a wonderful and well-researched account of both Wodehouse's tax travails and the way the British and American tax systems failed to get to grips with people travelling between the two regimes in his time.

Wodehouse was one of the first celebrities to run into double taxation. As Ring reveals, Wodehouse suffered the problems of taxpayers down the ages: ill-chosen advisers, pedantic taxmen and the disadvantage of having a pattern and sources of income somewhat different to that of a bank clerk.

In 1932, Wodehouse summed it up succinctly in a letter to a friend: "Hell's foundations are quivering a bit at the moment on account of vast sums to be paid out soon for both English and American income tax. The trouble about this income tax business is that if you simply pay you get soaked much too much, while, if you engage a hired brave to fight them on every point and contest every claim, you save a lot in the end but it means you are suddenly informed your income tax affairs dating from the year 1896 are not settled and will you kindly forward a cheque for about three thousand quid."

Mind you, he had a point. In 1950, the US tax authorities decided to ask him whether he had filed his tax returns for 1923 and 1924. As Ring indignantly points out, "How would you react to a suggestion you had not filed some official forms in 1970?" and "How would you start to prove you did file them?"

But Wodehouse did have his successes as well. The book *Right Ho Jeeves* is dedicated to Raymond Needham "with affection and admiration". This was diluted from the original dedication to Needham "who put the tax-gatherers to flight when they had their feet on my neck and their hands on my wallet". Needham was the tax barrister who had defended Wodehouse in an argument over residence and the legitimacy of assigning contracts to a company. Wodehouse won, but only after Needham had invited the relevant tax inspector to lunch with Wodehouse at the Savoy Grill. "The inspector," recounts Ring, "finally and grudgingly accepted and at the end of the lunch came out arm in arm with Wodehouse, having discovered they were on opposing sides in a school rugger match, Dulwich v Bedford, in the late 1890s." Life was different then.

It was the tax regime in America that was worse. Referring to one of Wodehouse's disputes, Ring writes that "his appeal started in the tax court, and appeals on points of law were lodged from there to the Court of Appeal". Because he had filed tax returns for different years in different locations, his appeals went to different circuits of the Court of Appeal. The Fourth Circuit found for Wodehouse on one issue and for the Internal Revenue Service on another. On the other circuit, they came up with exactly the opposite decisions.

Wodehouse's advisers were trying to do what tax advisers nowadays regard as second nature. As Ring concludes, Wodehouse "merely sought to mitigate legally the excessive burdens of an immature international tax system, using devices that subsequently became the norm". Ring also believes, although he does not state it in the book, that the Wodehouse experiences of the 1923 and 1924 tax returns will hit everybody when self-assessment is introduced. People unused to keeping copies of everything in sight will have find themselves having to prove details about something they thought was settled years previously.

But, as this book proves, some things stay the same. Catsmeat Potter-Pirbright once asked Bertie Wooster: "You don't know a way of doing down the income-tax people, do you, Bertie?" And Wooster replied: "Sorry, no. I doubt if even Jeeves does."

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Companies that can deliver quickly will survive the shake-out, says **Rodney Hobson**

Britain's express parcels industry is now worth an estimated £1.4 billion. The domestic market has grown 15 per cent in value and 20 per cent in volume, mostly in the past 18 months. The figures are a result of the parcels market analysis programme established by the ten biggest carriers who agreed to pool information to give an accurate picture of a fragmented and often ill-defined market.

Despite the increase in volume, express deliveries remains a highly competitive market; the fact that volume is growing faster than turnover demonstrates that margins are being squeezed. Several established companies such as Elan and Plackets have disappeared.

Tom Bell, managing director of TNT Express delivery services, says: "Unfortunately, there seems to be a continuing fight for volume resulting in an underpricing in the market. In turn, this competition is affecting the levels of service some carriers are providing. The only solution is for market rates to harden so that the emphasis can shift to providing customers with a quality service."

Talk of raising prices to fund higher levels of service has often failed to translate into action. He says: "Many carriers continue to see volume growth and market shares as the be all and end all of their business without considering the associated costs.

"There is still too little emphasis being placed on providing the quality of service that customers demand. There is currently a downward spiral in operation in the market. Companies are bringing on new volume by slashing their margins. As a result, they are forced to take shortcuts to reduce their operating costs in order to make money. Ultimately, it is the customer who suffers as the level of service deteriorates as the carrier slips further down the spiral."

Competition has, however, also meant a faster and, on the whole, more efficient service. As recently as 15 years ago, delivery within four or five days was the norm, and two-day delivery considered rapid. Now, delivery before the start of the next working day is often required. For the motorcycle squad, deliveries may be required within an hour.

Demand for delivery before 9am has grown by 29 per cent over the past three years. Carriers promoting this service say demand is up by 50 per cent. Demand for two and three-day services has shrunk by about 30 per cent.

Andrew Callaghan, managing director of ANC, says: "There are greater controls on environmental aspects, a widespread implementation of computers throughout the business world and a greater focus on customer care, resulting in major changes in the way business is done. Companies now demand shorter lead times. Some catalogue companies, for example, guarantee next-day delivery.

"The recession has also led organisations to keep tighter control over inventory levels. With high interest rates, they cannot afford to have stock sitting on the shelves. Therefore, the size of orders fell dramatically and business previously done via haulage companies moved up the supply chain to express carriers."

Mr Bell says: "If we are to meet the changes, a significant amount of investment will have to be made to facilitate later collection times, night deliveries and deliveries over weekends. The changing business environment is going to put additional pressure on carriers' operations. Those companies that dismiss the need to invest in their operations in order to cope with the earlier delivery cycles will, ultimately, go to the wall."

Technological improvements will help, believes Colin Beesley, UK marketing director for UPS. He says: "Many people thought that the massive document market would be eroded by the fax and other electronic transfers of information but to date we see no substantial effect from technological advances."

Mr Callaghan also believes that carriers have nothing to fear from the Internet. He says: "The Internet will ensure quality presentation of documents and more and more organisations are installing the facility to e-mail anyone in the world within seconds. While some documents previously transported by road will be transported electronically this will only help to increase the number of parcels and documents that are moved physically."

Business booms as borders open

The European single market has transformed delivery performance

The creation of the single market in the European Union has transformed the operations of the express delivery companies. The removal of customs clearance obstacles and the elimination of unnecessary paperwork has given them back a generous helping of their most precious commodity — time.

Since the EU borders came down in 1993, allowing a free flow of goods between member states, the express delivery business reports that it has been able to speed delivery times by air and road, improve reliability and cut costs.

In the UK, Parcelforce says there has been an 800-900 per cent increase in the volume of deliveries by its Euro 48 network since the two and three-day, door-to-door delivery road service was introduced last year. It now covers 18 countries across Europe, where partnerships have been forged with national post offices and other operators.

Martin Lomas, European market sector manager, says: "The single market has eliminated all customs clearance activities. Now we literally drive through EU borders, which has speeded up end-to-end transit times. It has certainly made a big difference."

TNT Express Worldwide has equal enthusiasm for the giant marketplace on offer in an enlarged, united European Union, which it says has made it much easier for small and medium-sized businesses to trade within Europe, creating new opportunities for the express delivery operators.

The automotive industry, with its commitment to more efficient, just-in-time deliveries, is increasingly using express networks to transport components across Europe. TNT Express Worldwide operates a European collection scheme for the supply of parts to the UK plants of Rover, which previously relied on individual suppliers to organise their own transport.

Eckard Gatzke, the company's European vice-president for marketing and sales, says gaining two or three hours on a delivery is crucial as it means goods distributed through a next-day service will arrive at their destination early in the morning. He points out that the opening up of trade in Eastern Europe, the unification of Germany, the enlargment of the EU and the single market have been a huge stimulus to European trading. Mr Gatzke says: "Today we have 15 countries in the European family and we hope more will join."

The arrival of the single market, although clearly a giant stride, is not the end of the story in the efforts of the express delivery companies to see a level playing field of trading conditions created in the European Union. There remains the lack of harmonisation on vehicle weights and excise duty and fuel prices differ between states.

One of the big global operators in express deliveries, United Parcel Service (UPS), points to other difficulties that distort competition. UPS dealt with 172 million packages through its European operations last year and it acknowledges that it has benefited enormously from the single market, notably in offering much faster delivery times for both its express and expedited services. The expedited service from London to Luxembourg has been reduced from two days to one and from Birmingham to Berlin from three days to two. Express services now deliver the next day before noon.

But the operator says its hopes of making more use of the railway network in the European Union are constrained because state-owned rail systems are too inflexible to respond to its need for a fast, time-definite service.

Joe Manhart, UPS's director of transportation for Europe, says the company supports rail privatisation in Europe in order to encourage free competition across borders that will deliver changes required by the express operators. Similar problems exist in the postal sector, where he claims that the outdated structure of nationally-organised post offices hinders efficiency and acts as an obstacle to cross-border deliveries.

Mr Manhart says: "Cross-border delivery services should be completely liberalised and competition-distorting cross subsidies should be prohibited to allow for the development of highly competitive distribution systems."

UPS also wants to see liberalisation of the air cargo market in the European Union to allow free access to non-EU carriers, although the American-owned business acknowledges that the United States does not have an open skies policy for European operators.

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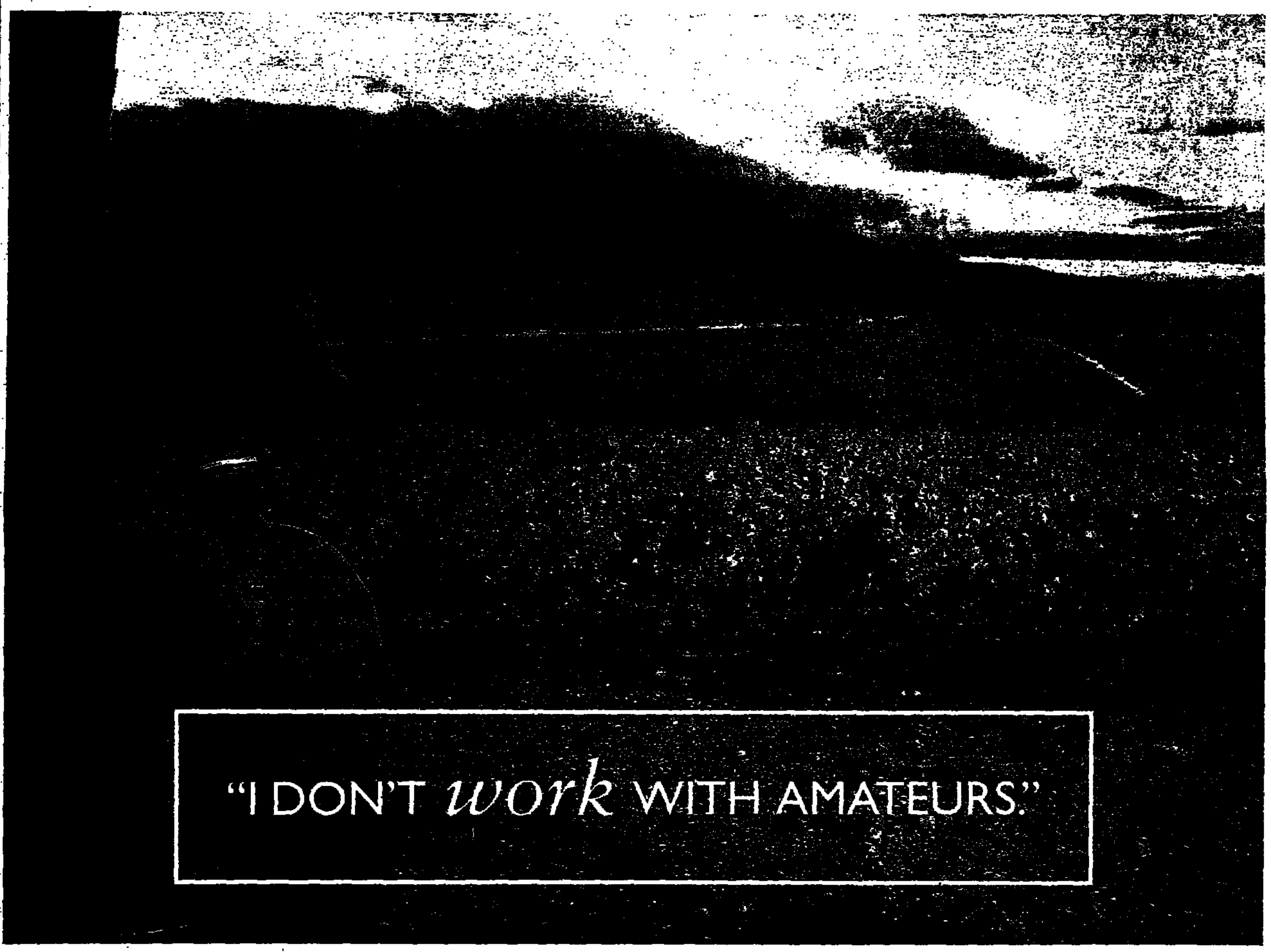
Lorries can now cross European borders without fuss



John Gainsford, Director of the Bellingham wine estate in Franschoek, South Africa is a very direct person.

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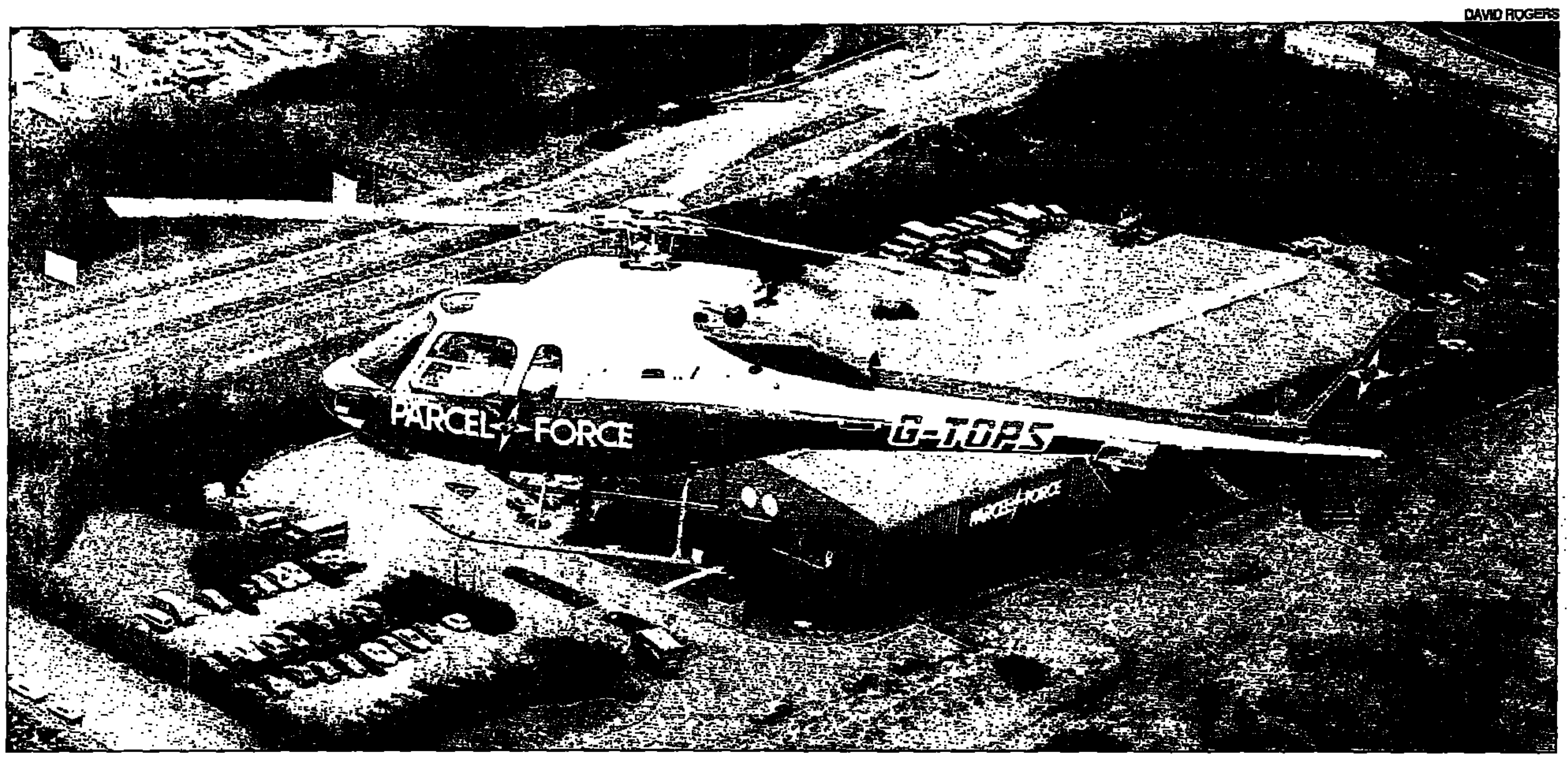

Parcelforce has more than 12,000 employees and a £500 million turnover. Carrying more than 160 million items a year, it commits itself to deliver to any of Britain's homes

Parcelforce chases high-flyers

Required to go into profit, the state carrier is flexing its muscles as the biggest operator in the market. **Bill Cater** reports

When the history of the *privatisation campaign* comes to be written, *Parcelforce — the Royal* Mail's parcel post service — should *have a chapter to itself: The Big One* that Got Away. For Parcelforce is a big one: the biggest operator in the UK parcels and express market, with more than 12,000 employees and a £500 million turnover, carrying more than 160 million items a year with a network commited to delivering to Britain's *24.5* million homes.

In 1992, gas, electricity, water, road transport and telephones had all been sold off when Michael Heseltine declared Parcelforce the next bargain. But there were problems, both commercial and political. Parcelforce had long been part of the Royal Mail operation, any losses covered by cross-subsidy from more profitable areas. When the two threads of the postal service, parcels and letters, were disentangled, parcels was seen *to be losing money despite privileged* access to an enviable chain of depots *— the 20,000 post offices — in most* high streets.

Even while complaining at this unfair advantage, its rivals in the *parcels business admitted that* Parcelforce ran under a big handicap *— the dead weight of the Treasury.* Commercial carriers such as DHL, Parceline, TNT and Securicor Omega Express could go to the City for commercial investment to improve their efficiency, but Parcelforce had to seek money from the Treasury, which was designed to save candle-ends rather than make bold decisions.

Commercial operators were investing heavily in modern, purpose-built automated warehouses and track-and-trace electronic systems. Parcelforce was investment-starved. It would need to be fattened up and made more efficient with public money before it could attract private buyers: though there was talk of a management buyout.

Another potential problem was the suggestion that if Parcelforce ceased *to be part of the national mail service* it would have to begin charging VAT. That would put up the *bill* for every parcel, whether from giant buy-by-*post organisations or from grandpar*ents posting birthday presents, by 17 *and a half per cent. Worse, it was also* argued that under European Community competition rules Parcelforce could not keep its monopoly at post offices.Mr Heseltine also faced a Commons revolt against privatising the post. Nationalised gas was one thing. Tory backbenchers muttered, but the *Royal* Mail was another.

Parcelforce insiders maintain that it was the political rather than the commercial problem which persuaded Heseltine to draw back from privatisation. Now, they say, Parcelforce is settling into a steady haul to profitability, with better prospects of getting the investment it *needs* since the Government has agreed to explore ways to give it more *commercial freedom. Results include* a £7.7 million programme to extend *its barcode technology to be able to* trace every parcel in its network: the opening of what it says is Europe's most advanced sorting centre; and *offering an Internet service on* http://www.parcelforce.co.uk.

One senior executive says: "When they were trying to sell us they wouldn't invest much money — as you or I trying to sell a house might spend the cost of a coat of paint, but not much more." The period of uncertainty was damaging to staff and customer confidence, but confidence is returning now that Parcelforce's express business — the most profitable — has grown by more than 20 per cent this year.

Parcelforce is finding, like its rivals, that business is growing in the premium sector and dropping in the cheapest sectors. Overall tonnage shifted by Parcelforce remains much the same *but the more profitable premium* trade is up by 20 per cent.

European business turnover is climbing towards £120 million, making Parcelforce a major carrier into Europe. Alongside the standard air parcels traffic Parcelforce offers inter*national* Datapost *and a 48-hour* guaranteed service, Euro 48, which is *exceeding its original target by about* 50 per cent this year.

Another new product, Ireland 24, set up between Parcelforce and its Irish equivalent, covers the whole island, giving northern customers a guaranteed *24-hour* service into the republic and vice versa.

Kevin Williams, Parcelforce managing director, says: "We are tailoring our product more and more to specific geographic markets. We have an international Datapost into the United States. A smaller section of the market is happy with a two, three or four-day non-assured product, but others are moving into a guaranteed 48-hour or guaranteed next-day service. The mix is becoming radically different. The dynamics of the company are making us more like an express courier company as well as a bulk carrier of ordinary parcels, *rather than a bulk carrier with a little* bit of express."

Last year, before *exceptional* restructuring costs, Parcelforce losses were around £11 million, well down on the previous year's £19 million.

Franchise on the future

AFTER more than a *year of* uncertainty, Red Star, the British Rail parcel delivery service, has passed into private ownership. The takeover by a management team was approved last *month.*

John Holmes, managing *director of what is now* Red Star Parcels Ltd, declared his company *to be* "a sleeping giant that will drive forward to become one of the leading lights of the delivery industry".

The other members of the management buyout team are the former BR regional managers, John Higgins, Malcolm Maggs and Hugh McGuire. The deal was backed by BZW Private Equity, and TSB.

Established in 1963, Red Star claimed to have virtually created the express parcels market in the UK. Although it still uses the rail service extensively, Red Star has *switched* some traffic to road and *built up* its fleet of vehicles. Al*though it produced* revenue of more than £20 million in the last *financial* year, profitability has proved elusive.

RED STAR PARCELS Ltd
THAT'S the Chairman's dressing room...

Mr Holmes and his team, however, intend to move the business on to a franchise basis, expand the range of premium delivery services and streamline the management. Red Star is relocating its agents to parcel point offices at stations, thereby halving overheads such as rent. The 70 collection and delivery areas, each containing several collection points, will be franchised.

Mr Holmes says: "The franchisees will have the incentive of running what is effectively their own busi*ness but with the support of* the Red Star sales force, *parcel control* centre and accounts department, and the backing of the Red Star *name* and established cus*tomer base."*

Red Star will retain and manage 14 major parcel points that *will form* the core trunk network. It plans to reintroduce its service offering delivery by noon on the day after collection and to set up an air service between major cities offering same-day delivery.

The air network will comprise London, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Plymouth, Newquay, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Inverness, Belfast, Dublin, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. The service to Ireland will be expanded and early next year a same-day service to key European cities, including Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Munich, will be added.

The company structure will be streamlined with the current five regions slimmed down to three: London and South East, Midlands *and* South West, and Scotland and the North. John *Higgins* becomes *operations* director, Malcolm *Maggs regional director for* London and South East and *Hugh McGuire* regional director for Scotland and the North.

New blood is being brought in. Steve Dennison from KPMG, the accountancy firm that advised on the MBO, joins as finance director, and Paul Robson, from Mayo Despatch, a collection and delivery agent, becomes regional director for the Midlands and South West.

The company headquarters will move to Langley House, Stevenage, Hert*fordshire, which is already* the parcel control and ad*ministration centre.*

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Tunnel tempts time savers

Many carriers are making use of the new Channel link, reports

Bill Cater

Eurotunnel's report last week to its shareholders made gloomy reading — but what the next one will be like is going to depend on the sort of demand commercial users make on the Channel Tunnel services. Speak to a dozen different express parcels and courier companies and a dozen different answers come up; they might be summed up as: not doing badly — could do better.

There are three ways to get goods, packages and documents through the tunnel: by road vehicles on Le Shuttle, by the Eurofreight service, and by the latest same-day or next-day package service on the Eurostar passenger trains. Or, if money is no object, there is the equivalent of the air courier — sending someone on Eurostar with those vital papers for the Paris office in his pocket.

The latest service allows letters and packages up to 30kg to travel unaccompanied in Eurostar's equivalent of an old-style guard's van — in sealed containers in a locked 12sq m compartment. Esprit Europe, which runs the service, was set up by European Passenger Services and launched only on September 25 but already, says Esprit business manager Andrew Wilby, it has a rapidly-developing client base of more than 100 satisfied customers.

Packets handed in at Waterloo at 11.30am will be on the 11.57am Eurostar, and in Paris 3.50pm local time. They can be collected 30 minutes later. Allow a little more time and they can be collected and delivered, door to door. The cost is £50 up to half a kg, £5 for each further half kg. For half that price there is an overnight service: hand in a package at Waterloo by 6.30pm and it will be in Paris just before midnight local time, collectable half an hour later or delivered by 9am next morning. Costs and times are similar for packages to Brussels. Mr Wilby says: "A same-day service used to mean a courier service by air costing anything up to £300 or £400. Our rates for the tunnel open up new markets for new customers."

The solid, high-volume business on which the tunnel depends, however, is carrying trucks and trailers on the huge freight shuttles — the largest rail vehicles in Europe, 5.6 metres high and 4.1 metres wide. They are in direct competition with ferries.

The international express company TNT Express Worldwide was involved with the tunnel at the test stage, back in July 1994. Anthony Lock, TNT's head of marketing, says: "Three months ago more than 95 per cent of our road system traffic — as opposed to our air network — was using the Channel Tunnel; more than 150 trailers a week, about 130 tons a night. The volumes have grown since then, and by Christmas we hope to be up to 170 tons a night.

"So far we are very happy with the tunnel — no problems at all. It takes as little as 45 minutes to go through the tunnel and unload, while the ferry takes 80 minutes. That enables us to offer customers a later cut-off time. The argument for and against the tunnel is not a cost-based one, the saving is more on time and, as the tunnel develops, I think this will be greater."

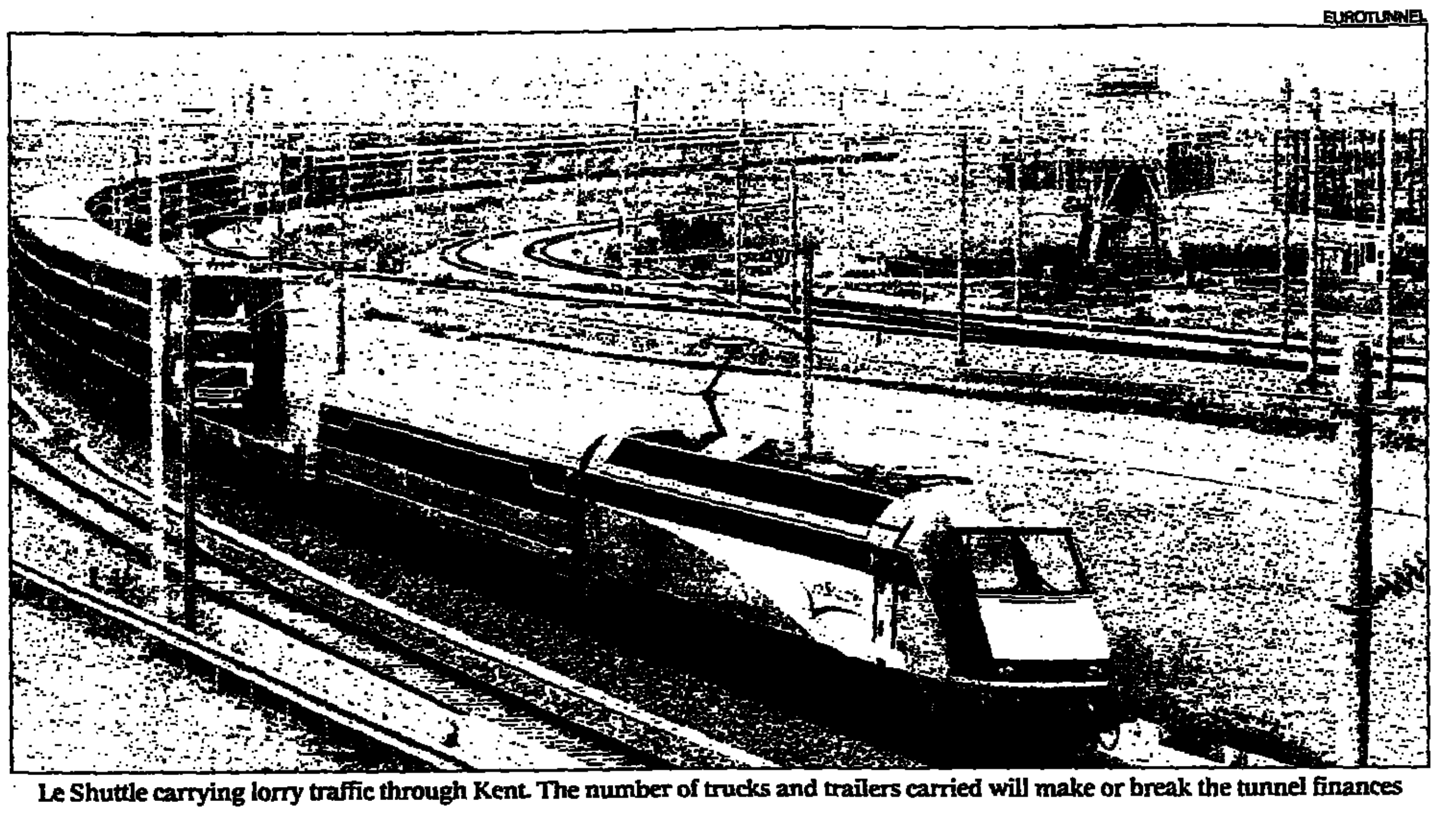
Red Star's managing director John Holmes says: "Next year we are looking at developing our same-day-only service to Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and so on, and, where flexibility and speed allow us, we will use either scheduled airlines or tap into the Channel Tunnel service."

Parceline, another of the big express parcels carriers, now uses Le Shuttle exclusively for cross-Channel transport. It puts a vehicle on the shuttle five times a week, as well as taking space with another operator, and will add an additional service through the tunnel to hubs in Lille and Paris soon.

Parceline's hub at Birmingham has gained local export control status, which means that consignments are not delayed by Customs at the tunnel, saving half an hour at each end.

The tunnel's other stream of users, those who send goods by freight trains, are less happy, according to the British International Freight Association's Colin Beaumont. Members complain of unnecessary security delays, incompetent controls over rolling stock, too few wagons of the right kind, faulty equipment and, as one put it: "A hangover from the old railway days when customers were told they must fit in with the railways, not the other way round."

Mr Beaumont says: "We are trying to make Railfreight realise it must become more customer-orientated. Many companies are moving to rail which have been used to efficient road services. They want to be able to use rail services, but if rail doesn't have a modern business attitude, they will go back to road."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Le Shuttle carrying lorry traffic through Kent. The number of trucks and trailers carried will make or break the tunnel finances

Big four fight global battle

Billions of dollars are at stake in an international marketing war

The global express delivery market is not for the faint hearted. Dominated by four big overseas-owned companies — UPS, FedEx, DHL and TNT — it is one of the world's most competitive and rapidly-growing sectors where new opportunities for business are relentlessly exploited.

The industry's giants are facing challenges on numerous international fronts, including the growth of the "tiger" economies in the Asia Pacific region and the expansion of operations in China, the creation of the European single market, removing trading barriers, and the collapse of Communism in eastern and central European countries and their rapid move to free enterprise.

The companies, all with major UK representation, have grown into global operations through acquisitions and partnerships, and compete across a range of express, expedited and other delivery services. Driven by the demands for reliability, speed and competitive pricing, their fleets of aircraft and vast numbers of road transport vehicles annually deliver billions of parcels, documents, goods and other materials around the world, using increasingly sophisticated integrated distribution networks.

Tony Walford, Pan-European logistics director for US-owned United Parcel Service (UPS), says: "The battleground is a global one. Asia is becoming a real focus of activity for ourselves and our competitors; Europe offers major opportunities and we are currently in the process of aggressive expansion in the Middle East."

UPS, which has a turnover of more than $19 billion and a fleet of 523 aircraft and 130,000 vehicles, is pumping $1 billion over five years into new aircraft, ground vehicles, information technology and buildings in Europe. Another $130 million is being invested in the Asia Pacific, where it has operations in Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Taiwan and Australia. It has also forged a joint venture agreement with one of China's largest transport companies.

Federal Express, now known by its brand name FedEx, expanded out of the United States into overseas operations in 1984 through several international acquisitions, and last year its turnover exceeded $9 billion. FedEx, too, is targeting China through an agreement by which it says it will become the only US-based cargo carrier with scheduled services into and out of the Chinese mainland. It has also introduced the AsiaOne overnight delivery network connecting 11 Asian business centres, from the Philippines.

FedEx, with more than 500 aircraft, has its main European facilities at Stansted airport in Essex and at Frankfurt and Paris. It is boosting its scheduled flights between Asia and the US and its daily transatlantic services to reduce transit times between Europe and North America.

Nick Butcher, managing director of DHL International (UK), says air express services are doing more than just moving documents for the service sector; progressively they are moving more materials for manufacturing industry, with growth in the UK coming from the aerospace, automotive, mechanical engineering and printing and publishing sectors that are seeking savings in distribution costs and just-in-time delivery.

South-East Asia is one of the big growth regions for air express deliveries. A new storage and handling facility at Sydney airport was announced in the summer by DHL Worldwide Express as part of a three-year investment programme totalling almost $1 billion in Australia and Asia to exploit big increases in intra-Asian traffic. The company also forecasts new business in Vietnam.

A FedEx flight from Tennessee approaches Hong Kong

TNT Express Worldwide is a joint venture between TNT Ltd, the Australian transportation conglomerate, and GD Net B.V., a consortium of the post offices of Germany, France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Canada. The company has concentrated on business in Europe, which accounts for more than 70 per cent of its annual turnover of $1.5 billion.

Within the past year it has opened new facilities that include depots at Gatwick airport and in the City of London to handle morning deliveries of overnight material from Europe; a new hub in Paris and a £10 million superhub at Dublin airport. The company says that exceptional European growth has led to the addition of three Boeing 727 freighters to its European network of 25 aircraft and a doubling of capacity at its Cologne air hub in Germany. It sends 150 trailers a week of UK goods through the Channel Tunnel.

The firm has an eastern European subsidiary in Tallinn, Estonia, to complement its subsidiary in Moscow and associate companies in 13 other countries in the region. It has also established a new depot in Turkey.

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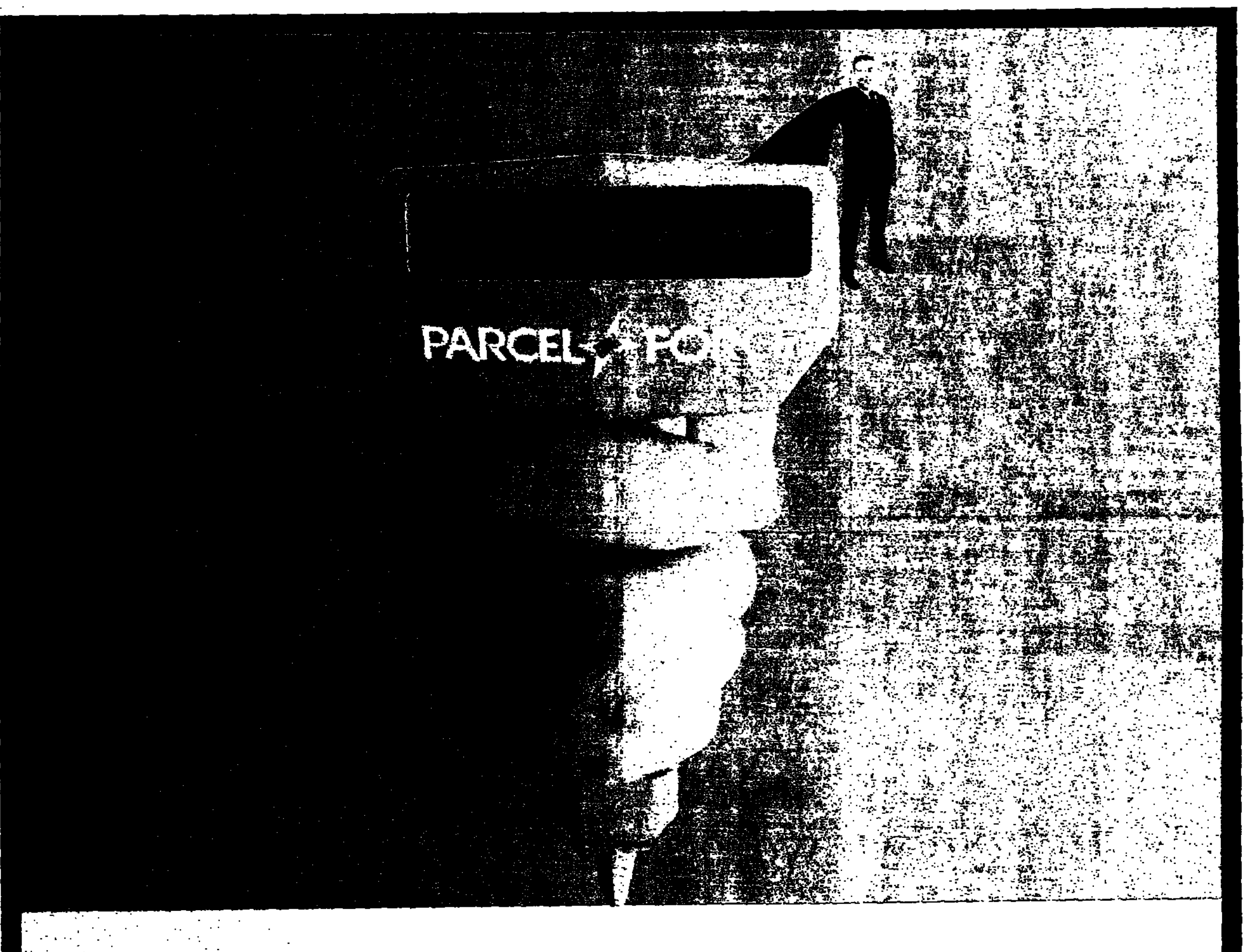

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Capital Growth				
American Growth	314.80	336.70	+ 0.10	0.54
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Assets & Earnings	290.80	309.40	- 3.10	2.74
Comdty & Energy	104.50	111.80	- 0.80	0.12
Euro Capital Inc	142.90	152.80	- 0.60	0.63
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Pacific	77.48	81.88	- 0.47	0.32
Property Share	61.59	65.07	- 0.25	2.00
UK Emerging Cos	68.73	72.15	- 0.12	1.71
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Amity Income	79.96	84.84†	- 0.39	2.43
Income Builder Inc	73.78	78.49	- 0.27	2.71
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	249.30	266.50†	- 1.20	2.93
Capital	445.30	476.00†	- 1.80	1.74
Balanced	737.20	788.00	+ 4.20	2.52
Accumulator	1379.00	1474.00†	- 6.00	2.75
Income Trusts				
American Income	53.82	57.53	+ 0.33	3.09
High Income	414.80	443.40†	+ 2.20	3.48
Equity Income	232.90	248.90	+ 1.00	3.35
High Yield	254.30	271.70	+ 1.20	3.20
Govt Securities	32.88	34.69†	- 0.04	6.11
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	172.20	183.80†	+ 1.30	0.38
European Growth	41.04	43.68	+ 0.51	0.01
International	169.50	181.40	- 0.50	0.18
Japan	189.90	202.10	- 3.60	0.01
Pacific	385.60	412.30	- 2.20	0.01
Secs of America	488.60	520.30†	+ 3.50	0.44
Wrldw Asset Val	50.65	54.14	- 0.18	0.32
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	561.40	600.10	- 2.60	2.13
Conv & Gilt	44.22	47.27	- 0.04	4.91
Smaller Cos	187.00	199.90†	- 0.50	1.11
2nd Smaller Cos	176.70	188.80†	- 0.60	1.29
Recovery	151.40	161.80†	- 0.30	1.62
Met Min & Cdty	157.10	167.90	+ 0.70	0.71
Oseas Earnings	377.10	403.10	+ 1.80	1.67
Technology	194.50	207.90†	+ 1.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	509.50	544.60†	+ 0.80	1.59
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Concrde Ocd Pens	107.30	111.40		3.04
Founder Persl Pens	65.47	67.97		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	74.24	78.98	- 0.38	1.84
International	65.28	69.45	- 1.24	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	279.80	300.70†	- 1.30	.
Bond	113.70	119.70	- 0.30	7.01
Brit Smlr Cos	110.90	118.00	- 0.20	2.86
Conv & Gen #	67.96	72.30†	- 0.05	5.44
Europe	231.90	246.50	+ 1.30	0.64
Euro Smlr Cos	105.30	112.20	+ 0.20	0.62
Income Gwth	364.30	387.60†	+ 3.00	3.98
Japan	307.50	327.10	- 5.40	.
Latin American	68.39	72.76	- 0.04	.
Pacific	104.90	111.60	- 0.10	1.27
UK Smlr Cos	59.21	62.99	- 0.14	1.27
Japan Fd	654.60	675.10	- 7.60	
Mngd Fd	182.50	193.60	+ 0.60	3.07
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	316.50	333.20		0.87
Capital Gwth	117.00	123.20		2.65
Wrldw Opps	194.40	204.60		0.98
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bcl Inv Fd Inc	370.60	386.00	- 5.40	2.62
European Bd Inc	92.26	96.53	+ 0.06	6.85
Exempt	76.39	81.46	- 0.78	4.30
Financial	85.37	91.20	- 0.60	2.71
500	465.70	503.50†	- 3.60	2.59
General	283.50	303.50†	- 4.20	2.73
Property	245.80	263.80		6.51
Trustee	199.90	213.30	- 2.70	2.25
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†		6.02
Extra Income	124.90	133.60†	- 0.90	5.09
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.12	59.03†	- 0.09	8.50
Income	546.60	584.60	- 5.20	3.91
Income Builder #	64.74	69.05†	- 0.53	5.70
Int'l Income	64.60	68.72	- 0.32	3.41
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	125.40	133.90	- 2.00	2.41
Leisure	142.10	152.00	- 1.60	1.18
Recovery	437.30	467.70	- 6.10	2.77
Smllr Cos Inc	47.40	50.63	- 0.30	2.26
Special Sits	320.60	342.99	- 4.20	1.42
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	145.80	155.20		0.33
Aust Acc	253.70	272.10	- 3.10	2.25
Aust Inc	154.70	166.00	- 1.90	2.25
Euro Gwth Inc	158.20	168.10	- 1.40	0.79
-do- Accum	170.80	181.60	- 1.40	0.79
Japan & Gen Inc	155.30	164.50	- 2.60	
-do- Accum	157.10	166.40	- 2.60	
Japan Spec Sits	71.50	75.74	- 1.35	.
Unvr Tech Inc	85.66	91.28	- 1.45	0.08
Worldwide	172.80	182.40	- 1.10	0.85
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	105.10	111.30	- 0.70	
Amer Smllr Cos	147.60	158.00	- 0.30	
Convertibles	53.02	56.95†	- 0.22	5.70
Eastern	284.00	307.50	- 1.90	0.30
Equity Income	87.41	93.64	- 0.50	4.10
European Growth	312.60	321.60	- 1.50	0.80
Europe	256.70	272.30	- 0.50	0.20
German Growth	80.90	85.71	- 0.58	0.50
Global Bond	65.37	68.78	- 0.01	6.50
Global Growth	132.90	141.80	- 1.00	
Japan Growth	193.90	206.70	- 2.90	
Japan Smllr Cos	149.60	159.00	- 0.60	
Korea Trust	91.12	89.07	- 0.56	
Portfolio	134.80	144.20	- 0.70	2.30
-do- Accum	250.30	268.80	- 1.30	2.30
UK Growth	85.67	91.75	- 0.04	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	85.08	92.61	- 0.40	1.80
Select Managers	79.67	85.39	- 0.43	1.60
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.53	84.45		
Special Opps Inc	56.42	60.02		.
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 229 8020				
Balanced Growth	117.35	124.18†	- 1.36	1.48
-do- Accum	134.27	142.08	- 1.55	1.48
Smaller Cos	118.71	125.62	- 0.86	0.88
Higher Yield #	48.33	51.14†	- 0.47	4.29
American Gth Inc	78.17	82.72	- 0.10	
European Growth	145.15	153.60†	- 3.11	0.52
-do- Accum	148.01	156.62	- 3.18	0.52
Global Bond Inc #	26.97	27.96	- 0.02	7.37
Mngd Pfolio Inc	44.79	47.33†	- 0.42	1.48
-do- Accum	45.94	48.59	- 0.43	1.45
Intl Spec Opps	128.34	135.81	- 1.60	
Pacific Gth	131.43	139.07	- 0.10	0.30
UK General #	81.83	86.59	- 0.96	3.19
-do- Accum #	85.27	90.20	- 1.00	3.19
Japan	57.72	61.08	- 1.35	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.44	100.97†	- 2.19	8.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.88	66.72	- 0.98	6.38
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	169.00	179.80	- 0.70	1.66
UK Growth	179.80	191.30	- 2.30	2.24
UK Income	136.30	145.00†	- 1.20	4.48
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 652 100				
Can Gen Dist	205.40	217.70†	- 1.70	1.52
-do- Income Dist	114.60	121.50	- 0.90	4.12
-do- Accum	353.30	374.50	- 2.40	4.12
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.84	42.23†	- 0.16	6.44
Growth Units	216.20	231.20†	- 2.70	2.15
Bond	170.00	179.00†	- 0.30	6.49
Int Growth	218.80	232.90	- 2.00	0.42
North American	259.60	272.90	- 0.60	0.33
Far East	276.50	295.70	+ 0.10	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	195.00	208.60	- 0.80	1.54
European	88.53	92.27	- 0.39	0.62
Japanese Growth	44.76	47.59	- 0.68	...
High Income	196.10	209.70†	- 2.70	4.10
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	172.80	183.90†	- 0.90	
European Inc	81.53	86.36	- 0.22	1.23
Smaller Cos (4+1)	91.69	97.55†	- 0.47	1.63
Growth	461.80	491.30†	- 4.20	2.00
Income & Growth #	427.10	454.40	- 2.80	3.96
-do- Accum #	621.90	661.60	- 3.90	3.98
Japan & Gen	65.27	69.28	- 1.20	
Master Portfolio	£104.76	£108.26†	-65.00	2.37
-do- Accum	£127.00	£131.77	-67.00	2.37
Special Sits	108.70	115.70	- 1.00	1.99
High Yield	£13.97	£14.41	- 7.00	4.38

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	89.70	95.75	+ 0.15	2.85
American Portfolio	104.22	111.41	+ 1.63	1.01
European Portfolio	110.54	117.99†	+ 1.20	0.58
High Income	50.32	50.47	- 0.07	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	63.65	67.98†	- 1.08	..
Pacific Portfolio	141.78	152.37	- 0.04	1.46
UK Inc & Growth	82.12	88.04†	+ 0.15	3.05
Units & Bond	57.98	58.65	+ 0.06	6.48
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	707.63	718.33	- 1.86	4.43
Fxd Int Sec	152.49	153.11	- 0.36	9.41
COIF CHARITY FUNDS 0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	699.48	710.04	+ 0.34	4.49
Investment Acc	1330.82	1351.28	+39.43	
Fixed Int Inc	123.87	124.37	- 2.11	9.25
Fixed Int Acc	206.76	206.98	+ 1.30	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	118.22	129.99		
UK Income	110.53	119.98	...	6.23
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	84.76	89.45†	- 0.40	2.72
Beck Bio-Tech	37.17	40.92	.	
Acorn Ethical 1st	158.76	168.08		0.75
City Fin Assets	73.96	77.86†	.	1.77
City Fin America	93.33	98.00	- 1.80	
City Fin Intl	80.46	84.48	- 0.93	1.38
City Fin Japan	144.26	151.43	- 1.77	
Friars Hse Cap	282.11	305.51		2.39
Friars Hse Inc	196.53	211.73		3.98
Buckley Wrld Gth	130.14	137.95†	- 3.79	..
Falcon Cap Gth	141.32	150.85		.
Falcon Intl	151.48	162.15	.	
J Srd Inc/Gth Inc	55.47	58.25		2.01
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.08	59.50	- 0.13	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	70.83	75.75	+ 0.16	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.69	41.67	- 0.30	0.58
Dragon Growth	66.90	71.44	- 0.08	1.00
Equity High Inc	85.70	91.87†	- 0.28	4.10
-do- Accum	118.99	127.55	- 0.40	4.10
Extra Income Inc	25.61	26.96†	- 0.06	7.76
Extra Income Acc	26.63	28.04	- 0.06	7.76
European Gwth	54.19	57.65	- 0.11	1.27
Evergreen	27.54	29.45	- 0.17	
General Equity	89.96	95.46	- 0.65	3.05
Japan Growth	48.28	51.64	- 1.03	.
Pedigree Gwth	54.31	58.29	- 0.26	2.91
Ped Sm Cos Inc	32.65	34.73	- 0.18	1.84
-do- Accum	34.16	36.34	- 0.16	1.64
Retirement Inc #	26.48	28.17	- 0.11	6.72
Special Sits	40.97	43.58	- 0.27	2.21
UK & Overseas	51.73	55.03	- 0.47	1.25
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 890 000				
Capital	72.35	75.25	- 0.88	2.02
Balanced	63.68	66.23	- 0.34	4.24
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	164.71	175.22†	- 1.07	4.99
Fixed & Convertible	39.16	41.66†	- 0.03	6.89
Monthly Inc Plus	47.96	51.02†	- 0.15	8.78
Preference Share	45.30	48.19†	- 0.09	8.11
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.65	132.61†	- 0.58	6.13
Managed Fund	69.56	74.00†	- 0.46	3.14
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.04	44.72	- 0.19	1.82
-do- Accum	48.93	52.05	- 0.23	1.82
UK & General	84.31	89.69†	- 0.72	2.84
-do- Accum	108.18	115.09†	- 0.93	2.84
UK Growth	157.28	167.32	- 1.28	2.42
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	189.23	201.31	- 1.37	0.12
Far Eastern Gwth	125.30	133.30	- 1.20	
Global Bond	80.36	85.40†	- 0.02	6.27
Japan Growth	109.87	116.88	- 3.01	
North Amer Gwth	188.88	200.94	- 0.36	.
Oriental Growth	76.81	81.71	- 0.23	0.07
Worldwide Growth	66.32	70.55†	- 0.65	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.54	91.54†	+ 0.01	6.10
Homemaker Fund	83.47	88.80	- 0.65	1.70
Quilter Fund	139.11	147.99	- 0.84	2.06
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.74	35.00	.	3.40
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	169.20	180.00	- 0.20	1.38
Income	71.56	76.13	+ 0.15	5.59
European	64.56	68.67	+ 0.32	1.14
Recovery	167.80	178.30	- 0.50	2.03
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 8494				
Equity Dist	885.80	899.90		3.50
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.34	95.04†	- 0.59	1.21
Income #	259.50	276.00	- 1.70	4.28
-do- Accum #	652.20	693.80	- 4.20	4.28
Smaller Cos	192.10	204.30	- 0.90	0.96
-do- Accum	236.40	251.40	- 1.10	0.96
Inv Portfolio	86.19	91.89	- 1.12	1.45
High Inc Port #	74.87	79.84	- 0.47	4.48
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1570.10	1619.30		.
Japan Small Cos	1075.10	1096.60		.
UK Small Cos	1932.80	2012.50		..
US Small Cos	1867.80	1908.60		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.80	232.40	.	2.77
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	289.40	305.70	- 0.10	0.69
New Asia	215.70	230.00†	- 0.60	0.15
Japan Growth	110.00	117.00†	- 1.50	..
Jap Smlr Co	430.10	456.20	- 3.10	.
Nth Amer	316.30	334.70	- 0.80	0.87
UK Inc & Gth	227.90	238.70†	- 1.50	2.80
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	150.40	160.00	- 1.90	1.67
UK High Inc Inc	159.80	170.00	- 1.70	4.24
-do- Accum	208.60	221.90	- 2.10	4.24
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.08	61.59	- 0.12	5.09
Environmntl Opps	92.80	98.72	- 0.82	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	58.80	62.55	- 0.42	0.01
Extra Income Inc :				
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	142.40	151.10		1.16
Convertibles #	21.13	22.45†	- 0.05	6.24
Equity Income #	131.70	139.98†	+ 0.40	3.79
EuroFund	49.37	52.34	+ 0.37	0.36
Financial	47.66	50.64†	- 0.07	1.48
Growth & Inc #	253.10	268.90	+ 1.30	2.86
High Dist #	164.90	175.30	+ 0.50	4.28
International	393.20	417.80	+ 0.40	0.12
Int Cap Inc	95.68	102.10†	- 0.50	2.69
Latin American	26.35	28.00	- 0.02	.
Pacific	78.99	83.93†	- 0.58	
Pref High Inc	21.16	22.48†	- 0.07	7.34
Tokyo	214.10	227.30†	- 3.70	
UK Smaller Cos	250.90	266.60	- 0.40	1.03
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Opps	96.01	102.25	- 0.31	1.38
Growth Acc	235.42	251.52	- 1.13	0.41
Income	590.74	628.42	- 0.08	5.25
Intl & General	413.45	431.25	- 3.23	0.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	211.10	224.60†		1.03
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	83.79	88.20	- 0.55	2.00
Ethical Tst	44.30	46.63	- 0.07	1.33
Far Eastern	295.56	311.12	- 1.81	1.88
High Income	135.00	142.10	- 0.95	4.85
Intl Growth	122.15	128.58	- 0.17	0.51
North American	126.12	132.76†	- 1.38	1.63
Pelican	123.16	129.64†	- 0.66	3.40
Smaller Cos	66.68	70.19	- 0.17	2.78
Special Sits	89.32	93.92†	- 0.16	2.77
Tst of Inv Tsts	190.00	200.00	+ 0.30	1.37
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	198.36	211.02†	- 0.66	1.33
Smaller Cos Acc	351.04	373.45†	- 1.16	1.33
Recovery	49.86	53.04	- 0.20	1.86
Recovery Acc	50.77	54.01	- 0.20	1.86
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	86.55	92.82†	- 0.64	
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.02	49.09	- 0.46	0.99
High Income #	40.56	43.47†	- 0.12	10.58
Warrant	52.15	56.69†	- 0.26	
Zero Preference	41.14	43.85	- 0.04	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	61.31	65.49†	- 0.39	2.98
Family Income Tst	43.75	43.75†	- 0.24	8.63
Family Trust	91.29	97.11†	- 0.52	1.99
United Charities	265.80	282.70†	- 1.70	4.33
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.90		6.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.20	27.28†	- 0.06	7.23
Intl Bond	29.46	30.56	+ 0.03	5.49
Income Funds				
High Income	24.55	25.80†	- 0.09	5.59
Income Plus	116.20	123.47†	- 0.60	4.29
Amer Eq Inc	52.78	56.92	- 0.02	1.58
European Income	44.34	47.15	- 0.10	2.43
Far East Inc	64.61	68.67	- 0.66	2.40
Global Convertible	23.48	25.04†	- 0.08	2.79
UK Div Gwth	25.94	28.65†	- 0.21	2.26
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	61.97	66.11		
American	275.90	292.40	- 0.40	
Amer Spec Sits	142.70	152.40	- 0.40	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.75	37.07	0.47	
European	192.50	204.70†	- 1.10	.
European Opps	68.12	72.43	- 0.12	
Global Pm	27.55	29.30	- 0.17	
UK Growth	102.80	109.51	- 0.50	
Growth & Inc	153.70	163.50	- 1.10	2.86
Intl PEP	40.97	43.57	- 0.20	
Japan Spec Sits	82.88	88.26	- 1.00	
Japan	177.20	188.60	- 2.90	.
Managed Intl	305.60	324.70	- 1.00	
Moneybuilder	57.47	61.11	- 0.33	
Recovery	49.82	52.96	0.30	
South E Asia	162.30	173.20†	0.50	.
Special Sits	590.20	627.80†	- 5.20	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.31	111.31	- 0.01	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	138.56	141.30†	- 1.60	2.31
Inc Pfolio #	88.49	90.32†	- 0.36	3.05
Cap Pfolio	149.40	151.90	- 0.90	2.49
General Opps	128.70	130.40	- 0.60	3.65
Growth Inc	32.30	33.05	- 0.22	1.19
Pvate Portfolio	433.06	442.20†	- 5.50	1.86
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	119.60	126.60		0.62
Emrg Asian	157.30	168.20†	- 1.20	
High Income	20.78	22.09†	- 0.02	10.19
UK Growth	114.00	122.10	0.70	2.12
UK Income	105.90	113.10	- 0.60	4.47
US Smaller Cos	362.00	387.50†	- 2.30	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.12	80.04†	- 0.35	4.25
Investment Trust	97.19	102.30†	- 0.50	
UK Smaller Cos	90.64	95.31	- 0.47	1

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	66.00	70.44	- 0.52	
-do- Accum	66.00	70.44	- 0.52	
Amer Smlr Cos	565.60	604.90†	- 2.80	
-do- Accum	577.80	618.00†	- 2.90	
Capital 1st	331.70	352.80†	- 1.10	1.67
-do- Accum	481.70	512.30†	- 1.70	1.67
Contl Smlr Cos	59.91	63.88	- 0.16	0.79
-do- Accum	63.22	67.42	- 0.18	0.79
Convertible	131.30	139.60	- 0.50	5.40
-do- Accum	270.60	287.80	- 1.20	5.40
Emerging Markets	65.86	70.38	- 0.29	
-do- Accum	65.94	70.44	- 0.29	..
European	124.30	131.80	- 0.10	0.58
-do- Accum	130.70	138.40	- 0.20	0.58
Extra Income	357.70	380.40	- 0.80	3.84
-do- Accum	549.30	581.20	- 1.10	3.84
Financial	139.20	149.40	- 0.20	0.50
-do- Accum	147.30	158.10	- 0.30	0.50
Gilt Trust	60.71	62.60†	- 0.16	6.38
-do- Accum	89.40	92.19†	- 0.24	6.38
Health Fund Inc	179.80	192.00	- 1.80	.
-do- Accum	179.80	192.00	- 1.80	
Income & Growth	206.00	219.10	- 0.90	3.63
-do- Accum	315.90	336.00	- 1.40	3.63
Intl Growth	382.90	409.00	- 2.70	
-do- Accum	425.20	454.20	- 2.90	
Japan & Gen	173.40	184.80	- 3.40	
-do- Accum	175.10	186.60	- 3.50	...
Monthly Inc	177.20	188.40	- 0.50	2.82
Managed Port Inc	110.50	118.30	- 0.50	2.06
-do- Accum	118.70	124.90	- 0.40	2.08
Quarterly Income	53.50	57.25†	- 0.28	4.47
-do- Accum	58.79	63.00	- 0.31	4.47
Recovery	348.40	372.50	- 1.70	0.10
-do- Accum	411.20	439.60	- 2.10	0.10
UK Growth	57.94	61.93	- 0.28	2.54
-do- Accum	61.41	65.84	- 0.28	2.54
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	50.42	53.83	- 0.07	0.60
FP Am Smlr Cos	140.70	150.40	- 0.90	..
FP Asian Growth	255.80	274.60	- 1.40	
FP Australian	340.70	366.50	+ 4.70	
FP Equity Dist	400.60	426.30	- 5.60	2.64
-do- Accum	858.40	913.10	-11.90	2.64
FP Euro Gth	227.30	241.80†	- 0.90	0.39
-do- Accum	247.10	262.80†	- 1.00	0.39
FP Intl Bond	58.86	62.07	+ 0.13	4.73
FP Intl Gth Dist	33.57	35.82	- 0.24	0.47
-do- Accum	48.68	51.95	- 0.35	0.47
FP Pac Basin Acc	203.40	217.40	- 1.10	
FP Income	55.92	59.64	- 0.22	4.68
-do- Accum	184.50	196.80	- 0.80	4.68
FP Jap Smlr Cos	299.30	319.20	- 2.70	
FP Monthly Dist	71.21	75.99†	- 0.41	5.53
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20†		6.25
FP Tokyo	78.64	83.88	- 1.51	
FP UK Focus	36.55	39.30†	- 0.47	2.82
FP UK Growth	178.00	189.80	- 1.50	2.80
-do- Accum	349.50	372.80	- 2.80	2.80
Stewardship Dist	364.20	387.40	- 2.10	1.93
-do- Accum	449.70	478.40	- 2.60	1.93
Stwdshp Inc Dist	74.86	79.83	- 0.58	3.63
-do- Accum	98.80	105.10	- 0.70	3.63
N Am Stshp Dist	108.40	115.30	.	0.91
-do- Accum	115.90	123.30	.	0.91
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	112.40	119.50	- 0.80	1.01
Open Cap Gth Acc	117.30	124.70	- 1.00	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.50	115.40	- 0.60	2.30
Cap Gth Inc Acc	112.30	119.40	- 0.60	2.30
Opn Co Gth Ic Ic	113.50	120.70	- 0.70	3.33
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	117.90	125.40	- 0.80	3.33
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	254.60	269.30	- 3.40	2.29
Cash	49.68	50.43	+ 0.01	5.28
Growth Portfolio	78.11	83.86	- 0.78	0.98
Income Portfolio	64.56	68.28	- 0.35	4.51
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 336 5441				
Special Sits	207.70	222.10	- 1.20	1.53
Dividend	90.88	97.20	- 0.36	4.02
Int Gth & Inc	227.60	243.40	- 1.60	3.16
UK & Gen	46.36	49.58†	- 0.40	1.76
Fund of Funds	66.97	71.63†	- 0.58	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	206.90	221.30	- 0.40	
European	615.70	655.70	+ 3.80	0.29
Far East & Gen	256.20	274.08	- 1.70	
Germany	119.90	128.90†	- 0.20	
Income Inc	164.10	175.60†		4.47
-do- Accum	181.10	193.70	- 0.50	4.47
International	340.90	364.60	- 2.10	
Intl Income	85.77	90.86	.	3.38
Japan & General	421.30	448.40	- 2.80	
Korean Securities	72.70	77.76	- 0.59	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	46.44	49.67	- 0.26	4.08
UK Capital Inc	176.80	189.10	- 1.39	1.51
UK Capital Acc	311.70	333.40	- 2.30	1.51
UK Spec Sits	90.83	97.15†	- 0.81	1.35
US & General	160.30	170.30	- 0.70	
Wrldw Spec Sits	148.40	158.80	- 1.80	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.14	56.94	- 0.28	1.95
Cash Trust	140.28	140.28	- 0.02	6.18
Practical Inv Inc #	116.25	124.33†	- 0.45	2.80
-do- Accum #	268.13	286.77†	- 1.04	2.80
UK Index	159.38	160.18†	- 0.98	3.08
UK Smaller Cos	140.88	150.67†	- 1.15	0.52
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.05	24.92	- 0.08	8.27
High Income	33.60	35.94	- 0.15	5.31
UK Equity Income	145.26	155.36	- 0.60	3.14
Global Bond	29.43	30.49†	- 0.02	4.89
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	43.72	46.76	- 0.61	.
Global Managed	135.31	144.05†	- 0.68	1.53
Gold & Intl Res	105.16	112.47	- 1.12	
Global Utilities	137.66	147.02	- 0.61	1.59
Overseas Funds				
American	166.43	177.24	- 0.15	1.00
European	112.14	118.89	- 0.42	1.03
Euro Sel Opps	167.71	177.93	- 0.58	
Amer Emerging	127.24	136.09	- 1.62	..
Hong Kong	143.09	153.15	- 1.18	1.91
Japan	230.76	244.90	- 4.89	.
Pacific Growth	213.97	228.84	- 0.53	0.10
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	229.06	229.06†	- 1.21	2.11
Long Term Bal	249.08	249.08†	- 1.16	3.13
Med Term Bal	206.72	206.72†	- 0.92	3.33
UK Equity	261.78	261.78	- 1.57	2.54
UK Emerging Cos	155.22	155.22	- 0.72	1.98
American	269.21	269.21†	- 0.82	1.31
Japan	119.41	119.41†	- 2.30	
European	293.33	293.33†	- 0.77	1.03
Index Linked Gilt	174.59	174.59	- 0.65	2.77
Fixed Interest	161.92	161.92	- 0.73	8.63
Amer Emerging	312.64	312.64†	+ 0.12	.
Pacific	239.14	239.14	- 0.29	0.68
Emerging Mkts	118.21	118.21	- 1.14	0.96
Index Strat Japan	142.84	142.84	- 3.07	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	183.59	183.59	- 0.89	1.38
-do- Cont Europe	159.57	159.57	- 3.32	2.06
Index Strat USA	157.02	157.02	- 0.78	2.01
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	107.95	114.84	- 0.60	.
Med Term Bal	98.32	104.60	- 1.59	.
Long Term Bal	111.94	119.09	- 0.55	
UK Equity	121.14	128.87	- 0.77	
UK Emerging Cos	72.76	77.41	- 0.36	
American	124.65	132.61	- 0.40	
Japan	57.20	60.85	- 1.17	
European	121.94	129.72	- 0.34	
Fixed Interest	82.32	87.57	- 0.47	
Index Linked Gilt	77.56	82.51	- 0.31	
Deposit	83.01	88.31	- 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	147.92	155.72†	- 3.78	0.55
Brewin Gth Port Inc	65.49	69.12†	- 0.51	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.02	62.29	- 0.34	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	56.56	59.69	- 0.40	0.10
Shaw Utilities	65.36	68.95	- 0.40	2.55
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	584.07	621.35		2.24
-do- Accum	649.60	691.06		2.24
European Inc	156.97	165.55		1.37
Amalgam Inc	151.67	160.68		
N America Inc	346.20	368.30		0.72
Far East Inc	366.10	389.47		
-do- Accum	379.16	403.37		
UK Dvdt Inc	183.27	194.97	- 2.40	3.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7883				
UK Equity Inc	96.72	103.44†	- 0.33	4.50
UK Small Cos	55.39	59.23†	- 0.43	0.54
British Growth	59.33	63.45	- 3.77	2.79
American Gwth	203.31	217.43	- 1.35	
Japan Gwth	65.79	70.27	- 0.61	
Greater China	182.27	194.93	- 1.04	0.47
Pacific Strategy	152.27	162.84	- 0.57	0.17
European Gwth	92.51	98.63†	- 0.46	0.74
Intl Growth	156.28	167.11	- 0.57	
US Index (£)	15.6065	16.4429	-0.2142	4.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	80.45	86.04	- 0.74	2.34
Monthly Income	39.58	42.23†	- 0.28	8.09
NIG Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (£)	11.9658	12.6217	-0.3794	4.50
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	95.35	101.44		1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9668				
European	508.40	543.10	- 1.80	0.81
Gilt & Fixed	125.40	133.00	- 0.30	5.90
Growth Equity	363.20	383.00	- 5.70	1.66
Income Trust	141.60	151.20	- 1.60	3.20
International	189.30	202.40†	- 1.43	0.20
Japan Trust	122.00	130.30	- 2.10	
Nth American	304.10	324.80	- 1.00	
Pacific	541.30	578.30	- 1.20	0.12
Guardhill	543.50	580.60	- 6.80	1.65
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	102.60	107.62	- 4.14	6.34
Global High Inc	100.28	104.17	- 0.13	6.95
Corporate Bond	101.74	106.60	- 0.19	6.64
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.20	112.32	- 0.08	4.51
European Growth	109.81	116.75	- 0.38	
Intl PEP Trust	63.32	67.37	- 0.22	
Equity Inc	120.06	127.89	- 0.67	3.77
-do- Accum	182.23	193.76	- 0.90	3.77
Recovery	357.60	380.29†	- 0.30	1.96
-do- Accum	418.10	445.50	- 1.10	1.96
St Vinc High Inc	127.63	129.54	- 0.25	5.69
UK Emerg Cos	267.70	284.70	- 2.30	2.01
UK Smlr Cos	361.20	367.50	- 2.50	2.66
Gtor Prv Tst	94.83	100.33†	- 0.14	1.45
-do- Accum	96.75	102.84	- 0.13	1.45
Inc Share Tst	89.42	95.09	- 0.35	7.65
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	28.65	30.35	- 0.10	1.92
Growth Acc	28.99	30.74	- 0.11	1.92
Income	28.98	30.73†	- 0.03	3.94
Income Acc	29.70	31.49	- 0.03	3.94
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Mixed Pfolio	212.80	229.50†	- 2.70	2.56
Smaller Cos	32.94	35.04	- 0.12	1.51
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries. 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	330.61	353.75†	- 2.32	1.47
Best of British	66.32	70.49	- 0.44	2.92
UK Smaller Cos	135.95	146.14	- 0.36	1.65
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	288.94	307.71	- 1.27	3.86
-do- Accum #	799.57	840.86	- 3.48	3.86
High Income	331.73	354.61	- 1.78	4.13
Extra Income #	283.54	301.58†	- 1.13	5.65
Pref & Bond	47.59	49.18	- 0.14	8.53
International				
International	285.60	304.38†	- 1.82	0.36
Global Bond	54.56	57.91†	- 0.04	6.14
Intl Port Tst	89.45	94.66	- 0.62	0.37
Global Tech	218.08	233.25	- 2.41	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	178.35	190.72	- 0.38	0.43
European	515.26	545.27	+ 0.40	0.63
European Income #	80.00	85.79	- 0.13	2.34

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	161.38	172.82†	- 0.80	0.55
Eur Sp Sits	76.50	81.88†	- 0.11	0.65
-do- Accum	81.95	87.50	- 0.11	0.65
Japan Trust	259.99	273.98	- 3.87	..
Japan Special Sits	209.29	223.31†	- 0.74	.
Pacific Smlr Cos	229.61	245.67†	- 1.71	0.08
North American	261.19	277.63	- 1.09	0.27
American Smaller	127.22	135.89†	- 1.69	.
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	106.76	111.79	- 0.83	1.91
Capital	183.08	191.71	- 1.39	1.46
Dollar	409.83	429.14	- 3.73	
Enterprise Gth	363.61	380.74†	- 2.12	1.44
European	239.90	251.21	- 0.15	0.46
Far East	308.84	323.39	- 0.78	..
Financial	884.87	926.57†	- 1.87	1.79
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.83	26.87	- 0.05	7.02
High Yield	106.39	111.40	- 0.57	3.65
Income & Growth	151.72	158.87	- 1.12	3.11
International	268.82	281.49	- 2.32	
Japanese General	202.69	212.24	- 4.29	
Japan Tech	88.05	92.20	- 2.28	
Nat Resources	75.85	79.42†	- 0.02	
Portfolio	77.42	81.07	- 0.67	1.33
Smaller Cos	141.92	148.61†	- 0.58	1.21
Special Sits	168.04	175.86†	- 1.54	1.28
UK Emerging Cos	102.59	107.43†	- 0.34	0.94
US Smaller Cos	111.28	116.52	- 1.59	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	106.50	113.70†	- 0.30	5.92
Capital	634.70	677.40†	- 5.00	2.28
Income #	598.80	639.10	- 2.50	5.24
Footsie Fund	57.87	58.16	- 0.38	2.83
Triple Index	114.30	121.90†	- 0.50	2.06
UK Index	148.29	158.20	- 0.90	2.92
International Funds				
American Growth	532.70	567.30	- 4.00	0.37
American Index	235.80	250.38	- 0.32	1.35
European Growth	118.70	126.50	- 0.10	0.16
Eurotrack 100	170.20	180.90	- 0.20	1.07
Global Bond	22.23	23.46	+ 0.02	5.38
Japan Growth	272.00	290.00†	- 7.20	.
Japan Index	75.75	80.84	- 1.64	0.20
Japan Smllr Cos	30.29	32.33	- 0.49	.
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.28	63.24	- 0.60	0.19
Hong Kong Gwth	112.00	119.50	- 0.90	1.33
Spore & Mlysn Gth	75.22	80.39	- 0.50	
Tiger Index	202.00	215.60†	- 0.90	1.05
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	37.38	38.86	- 0.27	1.07
General Funds				
Managed	77.33	80.38	- 0.41	1.17
Rupert Chldg Fnd	90.59	94.17	- 0.54	2.34
UK Growth	63.86	68.38	- 0.47	2.33
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	82.52	85.78	- 0.44	6.72
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.23	27.06†	- 0.08	8.42
UK Inc & Gwth	42.92	44.24	- 0.24	3.50
UK Income	344.80	358.40	- 1.80	4.90
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	54.11	56.12†	- 0.15	0.38
Amer Smllr Cos	125.60	130.60	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	126.90	131.90	- 0.90	.
Europe Gth	178.80	183.20	+ 0.50	.
-do- Accum	182.90	189.70	+ 0.50	.
Euro Smaller Cos	32.77	34.06†	+ 0.09	
French Growth	78.17	81.26	- 0.31	0.28
-do- Accum	83.88	87.17	- 0.35	0.28
H Kong & China	82.06	85.95	- 0.62	1.37
Intl Growth	60.43	62.82	- 0.31	0.55
-do- Accum	60.93	63.34	- 0.32	0.56
Japan Gth	30.78	31.98	- 0.63	.
-do- Accum	30.76	31.98	- 0.63	.
Japan Smaller Cos	37.70	39.19†	- 0.63	..
Glob Emg Mkts	94.23	97.95	- 0.79	..
-do- Accum	94.89	98.64	- 0.80	..
SE Asia	319.10	331.70	- 0.60	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.22	58.90†	- 0.05	5.96
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
World Health	178.50	189.90	- 2.00	.
Income	179.67	191.13	- 0.83	3.19
UK Growth	67.49	71.80	- 0.42	0.48
International	80.80	85.96	- 0.88	0.07
Ecology	89.50	95.21†	- 0.88	1.13
European	137.20	145.95	- 0.14	..
Far Eastern	294.10	312.80	- 3.20	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	95.96	100.30	- 0.10	7.67
Gilt Yield	114.50	120.98†	- 0.20	7.08

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	571.50	608.00	- 5.30	4.57
Japan Growth	106.20	113.08	- 1.30	.
-do- Accum	106.60	113.58	- 1.10	
Master Trust	80.39	84.25	- 0.47	1.30
-do- Accum	68.81	72.99	- 0.54	1.30
N American Gen	207.20	220.50	- 0.20	0.66
-do- Accum	239.60	254.98	- 0.30	0.66
NAm Sm Co Rec	157.00	167.10	+ 0.50	
-do- Accum	160.30	170.60	+ 0.40	
Pacific Basin	256.30	272.70	+ 0.30	0.39
-do- Accum	272.30	289.70	+ 0.30	0.39
Small Cos Rec	416.20	438.20	- 2.10	1.97
-do- Accum	561.80	591.40	- 2.90	1.97
UK Growth	90.63	96.42	- 1.15	2.25
-do- Accum	111.60	118.60	- 1.50	2.25
Worldwide Gth	326.50	347.40	- 1.70	.
-do- Accum	481.60	512.40	- 2.40	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	74.30	79.66	- 0.05	0.40
General	94.76	101.67	- 1.21	2.50
Income	67.47	72.39†	- 0.83	5.30
International	67.00	71.88	- 0.41	0.50
Japan	55.89	59.08	- 0.85	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.73	74.81†	- 0.54	1.30
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	443.70	469.20	- 0.50	0.44
-do- Accum	553.90	585.70	- 0.60	0.44
Amer Recovery	500.60	528.40	- 0.40	0.43
-do- Accum	575.50	608.30	- 0.40	0.43
Amer Smllr Cos	137.30	145.20	- 1.20	..
-do- Accum	140.30	148.40	- 1.30	
Australasian	157.10	166.10	+ 1.20	2.50
-do- Accum	193.90	205.00	+ 1.50	2.50
Capital	894.80	946.20	- 6.20	2.75
-do- Accum	1037.80	1097.40	- 7.20	2.75
Charifund	726.00	733.30	- 6.60	5.86
-do- Accum	3498.60	3533.80	-31.60	5.86
Commodity	404.90	428.30	+ 0.40	0.57
-do- Accum	596.30	630.70	+ 0.60	0.57
Compound Grth	1024.00	1082.90	- 9.70	2.90
-do- Accum	1088.00	1150.60	-10.30	2.90
Dividend	43.20	45.70	- 0.30	4.29
-do- Accum	184.20	194.80	- 1.50	4.29
Equity Income	352.20	372.40	- 2.60	4.78
-do- Accum	467.40	494.30	- 3.30	4.78
Euro & General	530.10	560.60	- 2.90	1.26
-do- Accum	675.60	714.40	- 3.80	1.26
Euro Dividend	72.80	77.00	- 0.30	3.98
-do- Accum	89.70	95.00	- 0.30	3.98
Extra Yield	431.70	458.50†	- 4.10	4.83
-do- Accum	1398.10	1478.60†	-13.10	4.93
Far Eastern	344.20	364.00	- 3.20	0.64
-do- Accum	459.00	485.50	- 4.20	0.64
Fund of Inv Tsts	641.40	678.30	- 4.20	1.87
-do- Accum	1210.10	1279.80	- 7.90	1.87
General	64.10	67.80	- 0.70	3.88
-do- Accum	182.80	193.80	- 1.80	3.88
Gilt Income	59.44	59.52	- 0.15	7.40
-do- Accum	170.08	170.31	- 0.42	7.40
Gold	68.30	72.20	- 0.20	0.84
-do- Accum	81.08	85.60	- 0.30	0.84
High Income	30.80	32.60	- 0.20	4.54
-do- Accum	126.40	133.70	- 0.80	4.54
Intl Growth	80.40	85.00	- 0.30	0.90
-do- Accum	141.30	149.40	- 0.50	0.90
International Inc	101.20	107.00†	- 0.20	4.18
-do- Accum	156.50	165.40†	- 0.30	4.18
Japan & Gen	40.30	42.60	- 0.59	..
-do- Accum	43.30	45.70	- 0.60	..
Japan Smlr Cos	142.30	150.50	- 1.30	.
-do- Accum	143.30	151.60	- 1.20	
Managed Gwth	24.80	26.30	- 0.20	1.76
Managed Income	28.50	29.80†	- 0.20	4.14
Midland	63.70	67.40	- 0.30	3.19
-do- Accum	215.20	227.70	- 1.10	3.19
Pension Ex	1002.80	1027.10	-10.40	4.23
Recovery	45.10	47.70	- 0.40	2.56
-do- Accum	75.10	79.50	- 0.60	2.56
Second General	74.30	78.60	- 0.40	3.58
-do- Accum	195.30	206.70	- 1.00	3.58
Smaller Cos	71.70	75.80	- 0.30	3.11
-do- Accum	144.60	152.80	- 0.70	3.11
Sterling Hi Int	24.33	24.43†	- 0.07	8.10
Treasury	25.12	25.16†	+ 0.01	6.35
Trustee	43.10	45.60	- 0.40	4.39
-do- Accum	176.70	186.80	- 1.70	4.39
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	84.89	90.30†	- 0.40	1.38
Intl Bond	65.60	68.96		5.72
Intl Equity Growth	76.49	81.22	- 0.58	0.67
N Amer Growth	111.51	118.49†	- 0.02	0.95
Special Sits Growth	23.08	24.55†	- 0.30	2.17
UK Growth	397.86	423.25†	- 5.23	2.69
-do- Accum	532.63	566.84	- 7.80	2.69
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01920 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1408.70	1433.60	...	3.00
Income #	1016.60	1031.60	.	4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	151.68	156.50	..	3.98

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Income	216.20	230.00	+ 1.30	3.77
High Yield	141.00	150.00†	+ 0.90	5.96
-do- Accum	444.90	473.30†	- 2.60	5.96
Smllr Cos Div	55.77	59.33	- 0.21	2.84
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	109.60	116.60	+ 0.50	
Asian Growth	318.60	338.90†	- 3.50	0.24
-do- Accum	374.40	398.30†	- 4.10	0.24
North American	88.89	94.67	+ 0.10	0.25
European Special	119.10	126.70	- 1.80	0.10
European	159.70	169.90	+ 1.60	0.46
-do- Accum	210.40	223.80	- 2.10	0.46
Global Eqty Inc	108.40	115.10†	+ 0.50	2.24
Japan	401.30	426.90	- 6.60	.
Japanese Special	228.80	243.40	- 2.90	
Smaller Cos	119.70	127.30	- 0.40	1.17
UK Eqty Growth	41.88	44.55	- 0.22	1.66
UK Index Inc	299.50	302.90	+ 1.30	3.79
Brokers Tst	99.18	105.70		2.94
-do- Accum	99.18	105.70		2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	277.35	295.06	- 0.33	5.13
Inc & Growth Inc	57.55	61.22	- 0.01	4.46
Smaller Cos	64.56	68.63†	- 0.26	1.49
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	263.20	280.00	- 2.20	1.92
High Income	110.10	117.10	- 0.40	4.44
International	100.70	107.10	- 0.60	0.56
Recovery Trust	72.05	76.64	- 0.67	1.44
European Trust	80.14	85.25†	- 0.65	0.89
Japanese Trust	40.37	42.94	- 0.71	
American Trust	96.32	102.40†	- 0.50	
Managed	69.44	73.87†	- 0.47	0.66
Cash	51.04	51.04	+ 0.01	5.10
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	395.70	419.80	- 3.30	2.44
UK Inc Gth	425.40	451.40	- 2.00	3.09
UK Income	299.90	318.20	- 1.20	3.77
UK Sml Cos	256.20	272.80	- 0.70	1.61
Euro Gwth	137.50	145.40†		
N Amer Gwth	99.50	105.50†	- 0.30	0.23
Japan Growth	62.56	66.38†	- 0.97	
Money Mkt	126.756	126.756		7.650
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 385				
Equity Dist	508.50	542.00†	- 3.40	2.66
-do- Accum	856.20	910.94†	- 7.90	2.66
Equity Income #	101.00	107.40	- 0.50	4.53
UK Tactical Allocn	58.61	63.31†	- 0.50	4.24
European	124.30	132.10	- 0.20	1.59
Far Eastern	214.73	228.40†	- 3.00	
Fixed Interest	51.57	54.96†	- 0.10	7.38
Gilt	37.31	39.97†	- 0.29	6.60
Global Growth	75.25	80.05	- 0.89	0.57
Intl Bond	53.31	56.55	- 0.02	4.98
Japanese	72.01	76.61	- 1.73	
North American	167.50	179.29	- 1.50	0.72
Pacific Growth	107.30	114.20†	- 0.40	0.34
UK Index	66.96	70.87†	- 0.43	3.17
UK Recovery	101.10	107.50	- 0.40	1.97
UK Smaller Cos	136.70	144.70	- 0.70	1.39
US Index	70.52	74.43	- 0.08	1.56
European Index	79.77	84.19	- 0.03	2.15
Japan Index	39.06	41.22	- 0.65	
Worldwide	68.57	73.99	- 0.59	1.57
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0191 902 2876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	52.11	56.73	- 0.32	3.09
Income	60.93	65.17	- 0.27	3.09
Far East	51.92	55.53	- 0.46	..
North American	120.00	129.10†		
Global	101.60	108.70	- 3.40	1.38
European	89.91	95.16	- 0.27	0.74
Japan	100.80	107.80†	- 1.60	.
Intl Currency Fd	59.97	63.60†	- 0.14	4.32
SE Asia	99.11	106.00	- 0.40	
UK Sm Growth	96.84	102.50†	- 0.60	1.58
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	363.50	386.50	- 4.90	2.75
-do- Accum	837.40	890.96	-11.40	2.75
Contl Euro Gth	67.41	73.96	- 0.17	1.54
-do- Accum	72.04	75.84	- 0.16	1.54
Extra Inc	266.50	283.60	- 6.40	4.12
-do- Accum	704.70	749.70	-17.30	4.12
FTSE 100 Inc	106.29	113.00	- 1.50	2.87
FTSE 100 Acc	109.10	115.90	- 1.60	2.87
German Gth	132.50	139.30	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	138.70	146.00	- 0.30	
Growth Port	576.60	613.50†	- 5.30	0.13
-do- Accum	595.70	631.50	- 5.60	0.13
High Interest Inc	94.24	97.68	- 0.04	7.74
High Interest Acc	94.24	97.68	- 0.04	7.74
Hi Reserve Inc #	103.40	110.10	- 0.60	6.71
Hi Reserve Acc #	106.10	112.90	- 0.60	6.71
Income	514.70	547.60	- 6.20	3.57
-do- Accum	£14.07	£14.97	-17.00	3.57
Income Port	529.70	563.00	- 4.90	4.57

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 088				
M & S Inv Pfolio	161.90	170.40	+ 0.18	2.14
-do- Accum	188.30	198.30	+ 0.18	2.14
UK Sel Pfolio	141.50	149.00	+ 0.40	2.49
-do- Accum	166.50	175.30	+ 0.48	2.49
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.34	73.77†	...	3.67
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	74.73	79.33†	- 0.87	4.21
European	88.18	93.61	- 0.59	1.22
Income #	77.02	81.76	- 0.78	4.96
Nth American	74.14	78.70	+ 0.14	0.59
Far East	164.70	174.89	- 0.30	0.10
Japan	57.25	60.77	- 0.86	
Emging Mkts	85.59	91.54	- 0.50	0.02
Intl Growth	114.30	121.30†	- 0.70	0.93
UK Growth	104.40	110.80	- 0.80	1.66
UK Smlr Co	51.25	54.41	- 0.30	1.35
Asian Opps Fd	37.07	39.65	+ 0.07	0.06
Glob Gwth PEP	53.76	57.06†	- 0.37	0.49
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	432.58	460.19†	- 2.79	3.86
Global Inc	69.89	74.35†	- 0.37	3.76
Brit Leaders	369.35	392.93†	- 1.71	1.78
Intl Leaders	204.69	217.74†	- 1.17	1.05
PAM Mg Bal Grth	66.23	68.81†	- 0.45	0.76
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	224.30	237.70	- 1.10	.
-do- Accum	239.70	253.80	- 1.30	..
American Opps	107.20	114.30†	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	108.50	115.70†	- 1.50	
British Blue Chip	83.02	88.18†	- 1.08	2.73
-do- Accum	105.00	111.60†	- 1.30	2.73
Cash	101.10	101.10	.	6.43
-do- Accum *	141.90	141.90	..	6.43
Emerging Mkts	105.50	113.40	- 0.60	0.13
-do- Accum	106.20	114.20	- 0.50	0.13
European Growth	260.90	277.70	- 1.10	0.16
-do- Accum	283.10	301.30	- 1.38	0.16
European Income	85.03	90.35	- 0.12	3.18
-do- Accum	118.10	125.40	- 0.28	3.18
General	533.30	567.40†	- 7.20	2.18
-do- Accum	1064.00	1131.00†	-15.00	2.18
Global Bond	128.10	134.70†	+0.100	5.47
-do- Accum	161.50	169.60†		5.47
Gold & General	212.00	227.90	+0.500	0.39
-do- Accum	218.90	235.40	+0.800	0.39
Govt Securities	91.90	94.74	- 0.56	6.19
-do- Accum	183.30	188.90	- 0.60	6.19
High Yield Bd	98.86	102.30		7.17
-do- Accum	98.86	102.30		7.17
Income	162.80	172.90	- 2.00	4.10
-do- Accum	260.50	276.60	- 3.10	4.10
Inc Portfolio #	101.20	107.30†	- 0.90	4.89
-do- Accum #	105.70	112.00†	- 1.00	4.89
Intl Opps	483.30	515.50	- 3.80	0.17
-do- Accum	647.40	690.60	- 3.80	0.17
Japan	165.40	175.50	- 2.58	
-do- Accum	169.80	180.20	- 2.60	
New Europe	192.50	205.30	- 1.40	0.98
-do- Accum	198.40	211.60	- 1.50	0.98
Pacific	111.90	119.40	- 0.10	0.85
-do- Accum	120.10	128.10	- 0.10	0.85
Recovery	323.20	344.70	- 3.40	0.75
-do- Accum	415.70	443.40	- 4.30	0.75
UK Smaller Cos	57.34	61.16†	- 1.58	0.84
-do- Accum	65.47	69.83†	- 1.82	0.84
Portfolio	84.01	89.29†	- 0.77	2.59
-do- Accum	101.20	107.40†	- 0.90	2.59
Managed Gth	104.40	109.20	- 1.00	1.74
Managed Inc	108.50	112.70	- 0.70	3.99
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Ecogrowth Plcs	123.04	130.89	- 0.66	0.18
Portfolio	70.15	74.63	- 0.70	1.61
UK Income Inc	80.52	85.66	- 1.06	5.08
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	62.25	65.18†	- 0.73	2.95
-do- Accum	67.47	70.84†	- 0.79	2.95
British Tst	92.13	96.47	- 0.81	1.97
-do- Accum	108.10	113.10	- 1.00	1.97
Extra High Inc	68.23	71.45†	- 0.11	6.09
-do- Accum	137.80	144.20†	- 0.30	6.09
FT-SE 100 Acc	59.59	62.39	- 0.42	2.65
FT-SE 100 Dist	57.80	60.52	- 0.40	2.65
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.44	56.65†	- 0.18	7.31
-do- Accum	164.00	170.70†	- 0.50	7.31
High Yield	228.50	239.30	- 0.40	5.93
-do- Accum	587.50	615.10	- 1.10	5.93
Income	295.80	309.70	- 1.40	3.92
-do- Accum	665.20	696.50	- 3.10	3.92
Money Market UT	49.62	49.62	+ 0.01	5.50
-do- Accum	79.63	79.63	+ 0.02	5.50
Monthly Income	87.51	91.63†	- 0.32	4.93
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	112.90	120.10	- 1.00	1.63
European Growth	108.70	118.30	- 0.40	0.82
Gilt & Fixed	90.19	95.67	- 0.38	5.80
Income	90.56	96.34	- 0.34	2.65

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	50.29	53.31	- 0.06	...
Managed	73.78	78.49	- 0.37	2.24
Money Market	89.99	95.39	+ 0.03	4.22
North American	98.44	104.36	- 1.10	0.43
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	102.50	109.08	- 0.80	1.62
European Growth	103.10	109.50	+ 0.30	0.81
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.50	90.80	- 0.28	5.79
Income	88.83	94.50	- 0.33	2.72
Japan Growth	50.07	53.07	- 0.06	
Managed	70.52	75.02	- 0.36	2.22
Money Market	82.97	87.94	+ 0.02	4.18
North American	89.07	94.42	- 0.93	0.82
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	102.20	108.70	- 0.90	1.61
European Growth	100.70	106.70	+ 0.30	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.94	83.75	- 0.28	5.89
Income	87.37	92.95	- 0.33	2.75
Japan Growth	51.20	54.27	- 0.08	.
Managed	73.29	77.97	- 0.37	2.22
Money Market	77.36	82.00	+ 0.02	4.24
North American	99.51	105.66	- 1.06	0.40
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	14.60	15.48		..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0139				
American Gwth	401.30	425.80	...	..
European Gth Inc	569.40	619.80	...	
-do- Accum	575.80	617.40	...	.
Intl Gwth	207.10	220.98	...	...
UK Equity Inc	202.98	216.00†	...	2.97
UK Ind Trckr Inc	173.00	185.00	.	2.70
-do- Accum	208.20	222.00	..	2.70
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	233.10	248.80†	...	1.09
Japan Tracker	72.88	77.17	...	..
Asian Trader	210.30	227.60†	.	0.28
Managed Inc	168.70	180.20	.	2.13
Deposit Inc	99.79	99.79†	.	5.01
Europe	231.80	252.60	...	...
Genesis	178.00	191.50	..	1.88
High Income	21.08	22.33†	..	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 883				
Acumen	99.14	101.30†	- 0.80	2.62
Acumen Inc	91.73	93.71†	- 0.81	2.52
Acumen Reserve	87.62	88.49†	- 0.13	7.91
-do- Inc	71.81	72.52†	- 0.11	7.91
American Growth	172.40	177.70	- 1.90	..
Cash Income	49.92	49.92†	..	5.98
Equity Income #	97.68	103.20†	- 1.20	4.88
European	73.48	75.03†	- 0.38	0.49
Smaller Cos	85.19	89.46	- 0.87	1.21
W'wide Eqty	67.15	68.80	- 0.44	0.44
Global Bond	45.21	45.72	- 0.01	6.50
UK Growth	98.89	102.80	- 1.40	2.17
Pacific Growth	108.10	112.10	- 0.50	0.34
Japan Growth	98.85	100.60	- 1.90	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	129.45	137.71	+ 0.57	2.81
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	77.91	82.88	- 0.38	2.18
UK Income	114.87	122.20	- 0.83	3.91
Higher Income	218.70	232.66	- 1.05	5.29
Smaller Cos	87.55	93.14†	- 0.49	1.84
International	100.98	107.43	- 0.56	1.60
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	115.60	123.00	+ 0.40	0.28
European Dist	124.80	132.89	+ 0.80	..
Far East Dist	183.30	195.00	- 1.20	...
Global Care Dist	77.89	82.65	- 0.42	0.60
Oseas Dist	1071.10	1139.50†	+ 1.70	0.09
-do- Accum	1394.10	1483.18	+ 2.20	0.09
UK Dist	374.80	398.70	- 2.29	2.39
-do- Accum	743.90	791.40	- 4.38	2.39
UK Extra Inc Dist	84.35	89.84	- 0.45	3.39
Wwide Dist	110.70	117.80†	..	0.49
Wwide Inc Dist	75.97	80.82†	+ 0.30	2.28
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 269 Admin Enq: 01277 690 396				
Europe Inc	67.44	71.18	- 0.48	1.12
Fund of Funds Inc	62.05	65.49	- 0.34	2.22
North America Inc	58.29	61.52	- 0.96	.
UK Equity Gth Inc	62.57	66.04	- 0.34	2.60
-do- Accum	65.73	69.37	- 0.37	2.60
UK General Inc	61.14	64.53†	- 0.29	2.85
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	46.54	49.02†	- 0.07	7.38
UK Income Inc	60.62	63.98	- 0.29	3.52
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Enquiries. 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	40.35	42.93†	- 0.21	2.95
-do- Accum	40.67	43.27†	- 0.21	2.93
Bond	120.49	127.90	- 0.34	5.89
Bridge Fund	91.16	97.800	...	2.20
Cash Income	50.91	50.91	...	5.87
-do- Accum	65.13	65.13	...	5.87
Distributor	98.65	102.82†	- 0.55	3.35
European	45.24	48.24	- 0.65	
Foundation	99.61	106.18†	- 0.53	2.37
General	200.42	213.21	- 1.23	1.64
Global	334.16	355.49†	+ 1.68	0.36
Growth	130.16	138.47†	- 0.70	2.63
Higher Income Inc	29.52	31.40†	- 0.10	3.95
-do- Accum	34.50	36.70†	- 0.11	3.95
Income	245.28	260.95†	- 1.23	3.27
Intrepid	126.05	134.01†	..	2.02
Japan	25.02	26.62	- 0.44	...
Managed Tst Inc	50.70	54.22	...	2.16
-do- Accum	54.04	57.79	- 0.01	2.15
Oriental Inc	140.83	150.33	- 0.62	0.23
-do- Accum	144.23	153.44	- 0.59	0.23
Pans Intl Gwth	31.59	33.60	- 0.17	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	34.41	36.80	.	0.82
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	78.60	84.06	- 0.52	1.63
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	102.60	108.80	- 1.89	2.38
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	126.48	135.24†	- 0.92	1.40
UK Equity	147.42	155.18†	- 0.94	3.11
UK Equity Income	139.82	147.18	- 0.89	3.35
UK Smaller Cos	125.66	132.27	- 0.64	1.61
UK Equity Growth	138.64	145.94†	- 0.97	2.21
UK Index Trckg	150.49	158.32†	+ 0.80	3.51
Intl Index Trckg	152.99	161.04†	- 1.06	1.10
International	249.92	263.07	- 1.74	0.60
European	214.60	225.90	+ 0.09	0.82
Pan European	144.69	152.31	- 0.18	1.37
Nth American	199.28	209.77	- 0.47	0.19
N Amer Smlr Cos	214.98	226.29	- 0.81	..
Japanese	89.87	94.60	- 1.63	.
Pacific	231.18	243.35	- 1.57	0.57
South East Asian	260.17	273.86†	- 0.98	0.65
Intl Bond	138.28	145.56	- 0.15	4.49
Gilt & Convertible	104.58	110.10	- 0.37	6.40
Property	79.00	83.16	- 0.02	6.70
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	259.70	279.80	- 0.80	0.42
-do- Accum	274.80	288.70	- 0.87	0.42
Japan Inc	100.76	107.50†	- 1.20	..
Nth American Inc	115.60	123.80	- 0.30	0.30
Worldwide Inc	164.70	176.80†	- 1.20	0.38
Hong Kong Inc	144.90	155.60	- 1.40	1.68
Swiss Equities Inc	81.53	87.04	- 0.12	0.11
Wwide Bond Inc	83.77	87.44†	- 0.06	5.26
Emging Asia Inc	213.40	231.80	- 0.39	0.14
-do- Accum	214.30	232.70	- 0.29	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.46	50.46	+ 0.01	6.34
Thailand Inc	170.60	185.80	+ 1.20	1.23
Gold Trust Inc	74.29	81.65	+ 0.72	0.18
New Zealand Inc	92.28	98.98†	+ 0.67	1.91
Int Mngd PEP Inc	64.64	69.78	- 0.32	1.47
Latin Am Emp Inc	57.31	61.91	- 0.27	0.31
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	63.13	67.70	- 0.38	2.54
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.61	87.28	- 0.70	..
Global Portfolio	72.95	77.69	- 1.72	..
Global Opps	67.11	71.79	- 0.30	..
Marsh Global Gth	64.79	68.71	- 0.39	..
AAM Global Equity	55.13	58.43	- 0.05	2.13
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	98.65	105.60	- 0.20	..
Temple Equity Inc	45.77	49.77	- 0.29	2.38
Hartley Growth	89.18	94.87	- 0.56	..
Intl Growth Inc	88.98	95.17†	- 0.39	1.09
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.55	93.64	- 0.77	..
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	47.90	49.23		
Premier Pwtnc Inc	67.57	72.27	- 0.03	1.61
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.89	79.79	- 0.25	0.47
Tech Analysis	110.80	117.70†	- 1.80	
Rosebery Growth	52.46	58.54	+ 0.20	0.57
International Strat	80.35	85.94	- 0.58	
UFC Ind-Act Gth	57.52	62.03	- 0.78	.
Cowdale Topaz	51.41	55.45	- 0.42	.
Prism Equity Inc	118.40	128.50	- 0.60	..
Lowes Intl Growth	48.82	51.39	- 0.38	.
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	254.60	270.80	- 3.00	2.67
-do- Accum	544.40	579.10	- 6.40	2.67
Growth	164.69	173.20	+ 1.40	2.85
Income	247.40	263.20†	- 2.40	3.74
Intl Equity	261.30	277.80†	- 1.80	0.78
-do- Accum	290.90	309.50	- 1.70	0.78
UK Income	68.97	73.37	- 0.73	3.21
UK Intl 25	84.48	89.87	- 0.92	2.15
New Europe	85.72	91.19	- 0.29	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	622.90	666.31†	+ 2.79	0.58
-do- Accum	624.64	668.07	+ 2.80	0.56
Income	390.83	418.01†	+ 2.61	3.15
Wwide Recovery	407.59	435.93	+ 1.87	0.49
Amer Growth Inc	243.83	260.79	+ 3.27	0.01
-do- Accum	243.83	260.79	+ 3.27	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	250.77	268.21	+ 0.91	0.13
Far Estn Gwth Inc	287.47	307.46	- 1.25	0.35
-do- Accum	287.47	307.46	- 1.25	0.35
Euro Gwth Inc	161.37	172.59	+ 1.61	0.22
-do- Accum	161.77	173.02	+ 1.61	0.22
UK Growth Inc	100.79	107.77	+ 0.57	2.66
-do- Accum	106.04	113.37	+ 0.59	2.66
High Income	104.23	111.48	+ 0.68	3.93
Jap Gwth Inc	205.15	219.46	- 4.17	0.01
-do- Accum	205.15	219.46	- 4.17	0.01
PEP Growth	127.51	136.38	+ 0.78	0.93
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	128.50	137.44	- 0.05	0.32
-do- Accum	128.50	137.44	- 0.05	0.32
Amer Smlr Co Inc	157.40	168.35	+ 2.43	0.01
-do- Accum	157.40	168.35	+ 2.43	0.01
Global Bond	55.89	58.88†	+ 0.05	5.48
UK Smaller Cos Inc	89.21	95.42	- 1.28	1.82
-do- Accum	93.86	100.49	- 1.36	1.82
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	113.87	120.29	- 1.75	
European	79.23	84.29	- 0.91	...
Global	64.68	68.81	- 0.80	...
Pacific	58.41	63.20†	- 0.30	.
UK Inc & Gth	69.84	74.30†	- 0.32	2.94
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	174.90	185.08	- 1.15	0.84
Emerg Mkts	47.09	49.83	+ 1.44	1.04
High Income #	52.33	55.38†	- 0.26	5.67
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	67.61	71.66	- 0.08	2.79
Growth Income	71.09	75.35	+ 0.17	2.38
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	161.85	161.59	+ 0.78	1.88
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	102.60	109.20	+ 0.10	3.89
Conv & Gilt	111.10	118.39	- 1.00	6.09
European Income	76.45	81.34	- 0.20	2.97
Extra Income	164.40	174.90†	- 1.20	3.86
-do- Accum	207.00	220.20	- 1.40	3.86
Far East	394.20	419.30†	- 0.40	0.20
-do- Accum	403.80	429.80	- 0.30	0.20
Global Income	26.73	28.44	- 0.07	4.16
High Income	126.80	134.80	- 1.20	3.25
-do- Accum	154.90	163.80	- 1.40	3.25
International	199.00	211.70†	- 1.08	0.78
-do- Accum	265.90	279.10	- 1.09	0.78
Pref & Fxd Int	45.32	48.08	- 0.11	7.37
Recovery	75.89	80.74	- 0.68	2.67

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	121.00	128.70	- 0.89	1.76
-do- Accum	131.80	140.20	- 0.80	1.76
Technology	565.30	601.40	- 4.80	..
UK Blue Chip	74.87	79.65	- 0.82	2.57
-do- Accum	85.44	90.59	- 0.94	2.57
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	213.20	226.80	- 1.10	1.35
European Gth	107.10	113.90	- 0.70	1.01
Income & Gth #	145.30	154.60†	- 1.40	3.29
Japan Gth	111.60	118.90	- 1.90	
Nth Amer Gth	159.90	169.70	+ 0.10	0.09
Overseas Gth	109.99	119.40	- 0.20	..
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4499				
Managed Tst	40.23	41.68	- 0.84	1.77
Cash Haven Inc	101.55	102.05	+ 0.01	5.68
Cash Haven Acc	114.33	114.89	+ 0.01	5.68
Dist Trust Inc	98.46	103.06†	- 0.26	6.49
Dist Trust Acc	106.98	110.88†	- 0.29	6.49
Global Growth	94.41	100.43	- 1.11	1.49
Equity Inc	85.89	91.37	- 1.46	3.21
Equity	782.65	832.60†	..	2.27
European	228.34	238.62	- 0.32	0.77
High Income	90.09	95.84†	- 0.23	5.05
Intl Gth	197.69	210.24†	- 0.27	0.91
Intl Sm Co	84.83	90.24†	- 0.26	0.48
Japanese	200.51	213.99†	- 2.77	.
Nth Amer	200.15	207.49	+ 0.21	1.19
Pacific Mkts	109.54	113.61	- 1.39	0.29
Prestige Inc	47.39	49.32†	- 0.09	8.91
Sm Cos	100.75	107.18	- 0.55	1.42
Spec Sits	116.53	123.96	- 1.99	2.61
UK Growth	131.76	140.15	- 0.95	2.20
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	313.59	332.50†	- 3.50	3.13
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	592.03	629.07	+ 2.91	0.31
FA America (Acc)	692.36	735.69	+ 3.39	0.31
FA UK Equity Inc	166.71	177.67	- 1.88	3.49
FA Japan	237.82	253.24	- 4.73	..
FA Major UK Cos	101.89	108.48	- 1.45	2.26
FA Smlr UK Cos	322.51	350.85†	- 1.77	1.14
FA European	349.94	372.23	- 1.42	0.22
FA Amer Smlr Cos	53.36	57.06	- 0.05	0.05
FA Asia	49.68	53.35	- 0.08	0.05
FA Jap Smlr Cos	41.58	44.46	- 0.45	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	105.40	110.94	- 1.48	..
UK Smlr Cos	94.15	99.10	- 0.49	
UK Income	103.54	108.98	- 1.16	..
America	119.12	125.38	+ 0.58	...
Japanese	52.52	55.28	- 1.04	
European	112.84	118.77	- 0.45	...
Gilt	92.01	96.85	- 0.02	..
Deposit	86.42	90.98	+ 0.01	..
Managed	105.07	110.59	- 1.05	..
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	102.53	107.92	- 1.44	..
UK Smaller Cos	91.85	96.68	- 0.48	.
UK Income	100.98	106.29	- 1.14	..
America	115.82	121.91	+ 0.57	..
Japanese	51.07	53.75	- 1.00	...
European	109.82	115.59	- 0.44	..
Gilt	90.64	95.41	- 0.20	..
Deposit	82.49	86.83	+ 0.01	.
Managed	98.38	103.55	- 1.09	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	95.62	101.90†	- 0.30	0.18
Pacific Basin	74.72	80.32†	- 0.16	..
High Inc Dist	141.80	151.70	- 1.59	4.30
Ryl Life Int Ctry	59.03	62.60†	- 0.17	4.11
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	69.69	74.56	- 0.40	...
Ryl Life Intl Spec	65.75	69.94	- 0.56	..
UK Emerging Cos	135.69	145.50	- 0.88	1.05
UK Index Trckg	181.20	193.80	....	3.16
European	142.30	158.08	- 1.30	..
Managed	169.10	171.00	- 1.49	0.69
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	161.10	171.39	...	1.95
European Growth	118.90	127.10†	..	2.21
Far East Growth	137.30	146.10	..	2.18
Japan Growth	128.98	138.98	..	..
Special Sits	223.40	237.60†	.	1.17
UK Growth	84.91	90.32	..	2.29
Trdgn General	253.36	269.50†		1.27
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6600				
Far East Inc	159.90	169.20	- 1.00	0.31
Gt Euro Prog Inc	349.10	369.40	- 0.70	0.21
-do- Accum	542.60	574.20	- 1.38	0.21
Growth Inc	141.80	150.10	- 0.40	0.27
-do- Accum	145.40	153.90	- 0.40	0.27
International Inc	361.40	382.40	- 1.10	0.37
-do- Accum	498.20	527.20	- 1.50	0.37
Nth Am & Intl Inc	356.00	376.70	- 1.10	1.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	236.30	250.00	- 1.20	1.05
-do- Accum	265.80	281.30	- 1.30	1.05
UK High Inc Inc	139.20	147.30	- 0.39	3.72
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	72.64	77.28	- 0.25	...
Asian Gwth	112.80	120.00	- 0.85	0.75
European Gwth	74.81	79.58	- 0.32	1.00
Global Bd	58.88	62.23†	+ 0.09	5.00
Global Eq	80.72	84.59	- 0.36	0.80
Japan Sm Cos	56.00	59.57	- 0.88	..
UK Gwth	71.47	75.96	- 0.39	5.60
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	79.69	84.72	+ 0.91	3.41
Amer Smlr Cos	130.60	138.90	- 0.90	...
Asian Smaller Cos	42.83	45.56	+ 0.13	..
Capital Portfolio	133.20	141.70	- 1.10	1.82
Cash	129.70	129.70†	+ 0.10	6.29
China Dragon	59.77	63.58	- 0.42	1.47
Commodity	126.00	134.00	- 1.00	..
Eastern Discovery	98.28	105.80	- 0.70	...
Emerging Mkts	38.22	40.65	- 0.17	..
Energy Inds	128.40	136.60	- 1.10	0.15
European Gwth	198.89	211.60	- 1.80	0.18
Euro Inc & Gwth #	80.62	85.77	- 0.54	1.98
Euro Smlr Cos	58.58	62.30	- 0.61	0.05
Extra Income #	53.32	55.13	- 0.32	5.87
Financial Secs	237.60	252.80	- 0.98	1.82
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.54	50.20†	- 0.09	8.96
Gold & Exploration	84.07	89.44	- 0.57	...
High Return #	237.40	252.00	- 1.90	3.94
High Yield #	237.01	252.10†	- 1.90	3.65
Income #	122.50	130.30	- 1.10	4.31
Intl Bond	167.10	176.59†	+ 0.40	5.80
ITU	216.80	230.60†	- 1.70	1.05
Japan Growth	165.40	176.00†	- 2.20	...
Japan Smaller	168.00	178.70	- 1.50	...
Korea	69.18	73.80	+ 0.60	..
Masterfund	57.59	61.27	- 0.47	0.80
Scotbits	357.59	380.30	- 1.60	1.08
Scotshares #	317.20	337.40	- 3.00	2.22
Scotyields #	258.50	269.60†	- 2.40	3.29
Select Intl	144.20	153.40†	- 0.99	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	256.20	272.60†	- 1.10	3.43
SE Asia	51.92	55.23	- 0.16	0.04
Special Situation	138.70	147.80	- 1.18	1.95
UK Equity #	264.30	281.20	- 2.40	2.49
UK Growth	71.05	75.58	- 0.59	1.85
UK & O'seas	176.80	187.20	- 1.78	1.15
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	55.26	58.65	- 0.21	2.33
US Growth	173.10	184.10	- 0.40	0.14
Univ Growth	143.40	152.80	- 0.80	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	288.26	305.87	+ 3.05	0.68
-do- Accum	315.84	335.04	+ 3.34	0.65
European Gwth	80.57	85.65	+ 0.94	0.87
Euro Smlr Cos	88.20	93.94	+ 0.20	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	100.60	107.19	- 0.61	...
-do- Accum	102.31	109.12	- 0.63	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.11	52.84†	- 0.10	7.98
Global Bond #	51.99	53.73	+ 0.14	8.99
-do- Accum #	58.48	60.49	+ 0.15	8.99
Global Emer Mkts	52.38	55.81†	+ 0.09	...
-do- Accum	52.38	55.88†	+ 0.08	..
Income #	362.54	384.17†	+ 2.31	5.07
-do- Accum #	772.01	812.41†	+ 7.51	5.07
Japan Smlr Cos	430.94	458.85	- 4.76	..
-do- Accum	431.80	460.58	- 4.78	...
Japan Enterprise	67.29	71.73†	- 1.59	...
Pacific Gwth	137.21	146.35	+ 0.03	0.36
-do- Accum	141.84	151.08	+ 0.03	0.36
Portfolio	85.79	91.59	+ 0.25	1.96
-do- Accum	93.79	100.04	+ 0.27	1.96
Seoul	53.13	56.67	+ 0.72	..
-do- Accum	53.13	56.67	+ 0.72	..
Smaller Cos	242.31	258.52	- 0.86	1.28
Tokyo	118.12	125.99†	- 1.73	..
-do- Accum	119.31	127.27†	- 1.74	..
UK Enterprise	292.84	312.36	+ 2.00	2.03
-do- Accum	353.80	377.47	+ 2.41	2.03
UK Equity	263.02	280.55	+ 1.38	2.79
-do- Accum	517.99	552.53	+ 2.69	2.79
US Smlr Cos	194.27	207.15	+ 3.06	..
-do- Accum	55.69	58.01	+ 0.95	0.50
Institutional Funds				
European	253.33	263.43	- 1.08	1.40
-do- Accum	283.40	294.71	- 1.21	1.48
Euro Smlr Cos	30.82	32.20	- 0.13	1.46
-do- Accum	32.85	34.22	- 0.13	1.46
Global Equity Inc	82.16	85.58	- 0.57	1.83
Japan Smlr Cos	35.61	38.98	- 0.15	0.19
-do- Accum	35.81	37.30	- 0.15	0.19
Mngd Balanced	203.57	212.05	- 0.15	2.94
-do- Accum	232.42	242.10	- 0.18	2.94
Overseas Equity	200.11	208.44	- 0.87	1.07
-do- Accum	207.90	216.55	- 1.01	1.07
Oseas Smlr Cos	128.54	133.89†	- 0.41	0.84
-do- Accum	134.75	140.38†	- 0.43	0.84
Pacific	254.30	264.89	- 0.76	1.43
-do- Accum	278.20	289.78	- 0.84	1.43
Recovery	120.08	120.92	+ 1.89	3.08
-do- Accum	121.57	122.47	+ 2.03	3.08
UK Index	167.51	174.48	- 2.02	3.42
-do- Accum	206.78	215.38	- 2.50	3.42
UK Smlr Cos	122.71	127.82†	- 0.40	2.06
-do- Accum	133.14	138.69†	- 0.43	2.06
US Smlr Cos	54.99	58.56	+ 0.94	0.60
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	54.11	57.22	- 0.73	2.70
Equity Trust	66.59	70.83	- 0.95	2.59
Equity Strategy	79.72	84.30	- 1.08	1.69
European Opps	94.41	99.84	- 0.28	0.89
UK Smaller Cos	71.37	75.47	- 0.85	1.28
Mainstream Inc	96.89	101.45	+ 0.01	6.78
Japanese	74.56	78.85	- 1.47	..
Asia Pacific	125.99	133.14	...	3.11
American	116.05	122.72	- 0.32	0.04
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.07	31.07		6.236
UK General Inc	56.35	59.04	- 0.81	2.84
-do- Accum	72.76	77.60	- 1.06	2.84
Intl Income	272.20	290.30†	- 2.50	1.59
-do- Accum	474.40	506.10†	- 4.40	1.59
European	85.04	90.11	- 0.20	1.70
Japan	65.27	69.19	- 1.88	0.14
American	78.50	83.15	+ 0.67	2.01
Far East	87.87	92.95	+ 0.13	1.17
Ethical Inc	32.89	35.17	- 0.38	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	36.12	38.61	- 0.55	2.91
High Inc Inc	37.93	40.46	- 0.43	3.64
UK Global Inc	42.72	45.68	- 0.55	1.76
Wealth Tst	73.02	78.01†	- 0.86	1.32
Europe 2000 Inc	56.60	60.17	- 0.14	1.45
Technology	128.65	137.20†	- 0.84	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	419.80	447.90	- 2.50	2.81
American	296.10	314.20	- 1.80	0.44
Pacific	383.60	410.30	- 5.80	0.47
European	594.40	635.00	- 1.30	1.42
Worldwide	92.17	98.46	- 0.84	0.61
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	292.20	312.00	- 1.30	2.30
-do- Accum	374.99	399.99	- 1.70	2.30
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	225.60	240.18	- 1.50	1.80
-do- Accum	273.80	291.49	- 1.70	1.80
Select Opptny Inc	78.57	84.30†	- 0.41	2.08
Income Plus Inc	76.05	81.17†	- 0.05	8.05
European Inc	363.90	387.20†	- 0.30	1.18
-do- Accum	414.60	441.10†	- 0.60	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	177.38	188.70	...	0.80
-do- Accum	292.20	315.20†	- 0.20	0.80
Japanese Inc	59.59	63.35†	- 1.25	..
Nth American Inc	268.10	285.20†	- 0.80	0.05
-do- Accum	296.40	315.40†	- 1.00	0.05

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	265.80	283.20	- 1.60	0.63
Wwide Venture Inc	82.95	88.29†	- 0.72	1.23
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 6724				
Equity Inc	391.50	417.60	- 5.20	2.59
-do- Accum	588.10	627.30	- 8.00	2.59
UK High Inc	190.20	202.98	- 2.50	3.55
-do- Accum	285.10	304.00	- 3.80	3.57
Europe Inc	423.10	451.50	+ 0.70	0.39
Nth Amer Inc	249.20	265.60	- 1.40	
Global Inc	232.70	248.25	- 0.60	0.37
Global Acc	250.70	267.40	- 0.60	0.37
UK Spec Sits Inc	109.50	116.88	- 1.29	3.25
South East Asia	228.60	243.80	+ 0.45	0.30
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60		6.00
UK Smlr Cos Inc	113.60	121.20	- 0.40	2.03
-do- Accum	117.50	125.40	- 0.40	2.03
Intl Bond Inc	95.26	101.70	+ 0.40	5.85
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	147.70	155.10	- 0.40	4.30
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	137.10	144.30	- 0.60	0.95
Nth American	121.50	127.90		.
Intl Bond & Conv	126.30	132.90	- 0.30	6.09
Pooled Pension (S)	202.10	217.30	- 7.70	2.07
Smaller Cos	91.27	96.07	- 0.49	1.19
UK General	145.40	153.10	- 1.50	1.98
Far Eastern	95.67	100.70†	- 1.00	..
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 0226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	115.88	†	- 0.05	
Aztec ‡	63.92	. †	+ 0.05	
European ‡	136.84	... †	+ 0.19	0.29
Global Bond ‡	91.83	... †	- 0.07	8.60
Investment Trust ‡	103.74	... †	- 0.20	2.06
Preferred Income ‡	99.06	... †	- 0.06	6.05
Samurai ‡	52.92	. †	- 1.05	..
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.02	. †	+ 0.01	6.00
UK Growth ‡	105.65	. †	- 0.32	2.35
Tai Pan ‡	99.63	†	+ 0.94	..
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	102.84	. †	- 0.70	2.88
UK Equity Inc ‡	101.89	†	+ 0.30	6.89
Glob Gwth PEP	68.34	72.79	- 0.72	...
Pref Inc PEP #	97.06	102.80	- 0.70	3.01
Inv Trust PEP	51.41	54.63	+ 0.42	..
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	376.50	398.20	- 1.40	...
Canadian	69.75	73.80	- 0.31	0.67
Capital	132.30	141.50	- 1.20	1.43
Cash	100.33	100.33†	+ 0.02	6.09
European	144.10	152.50	- 1.80	0.06
Far Eastern	156.70	165.60	- 0.20	
Growth	145.60	154.68	- 1.80	1.25
Income	132.60	141.30†	- 1.60	5.03
Magnum	142.20	152.30	- 1.30	1.51
Smlr Secs	437.50	463.00†	- 4.20	0.85
Thoroughbred	165.00	176.70†	- 1.50	1.39
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Capital Prime	54.13	57.89	- 0.18	8.10
Ethical	65.21	70.12†	- 0.34	2.39
European Growth	74.99	78.78	- 0.46	3.18
Income	57.12	61.41	- 0.34	3.80
Intl Growth	100.70	107.40	- 0.40	3.19
Managed	85.42	91.71	- 0.39	3.98
UK Growth	67.74	72.83	- 0.44	3.10
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	42.92	43.14	..	1.69
Global Advtg Acc	46.30	46.54	.	1.69
Income Advtg Inc	33.82	33.99†	.	3.45
Income Advtg Acc	38.13	38.33	.	3.45
UK Equity Gth Acc	80.27	85.09	.	0.73
Premier Inc Inc	47.80	50.31	..	7.60
Premier Inc Acc	47.80	50.31	..	7.60
Managed Acc	56.04	59.41	...	1.46
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.42	40.73†	.	3.89
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.19	52.15	.	3.89
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	68.14	72.40	- 1.00	2.15
UK Equity Gen Inc	49.74	52.85†	- 0.78	2.15
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.48	32.24†	- 0.09	6.25
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	334.50	353.80	- 0.40	1.73
Nth American Acc	51.54	54.77	+ 0.20	0.19
Far East Acc	70.83	75.25	- 0.29	0.43
European Acc	55.24	58.79	- 0.50	0.83
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7080				
Global A (US$)	4.082	4.338	-0.007	1.96
US Eqts (US$)	2.894	3.070	- 0.01	1.09
Far East Eqts (yen)	246.30	261.60	- 2.80	..
Japan Eqties (yen)	216.60	228.00		
FT Europe	137.28	145.78	-0.015	1.41
FT N Amer (US$)	2.172	2.307	- 2.10	0.50
FT Japan (yen)	209.30	222.30	- 4.50	.
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.576	2.736	-0.005	0.94
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	421.80	447.70	- 0.10	..
British #	1141.20	1207.40†	- 5.20	3.12
Emging Mkts	135.70	145.10	- 0.10	0.45
European	575.70	611.70†	+ 0.40	0.52
Japan	137.10	145.70	- 2.50	..
New Pacific	392.90	420.00	+ 1.20	1.52
-do- Accum	418.80	447.70	+ 1.30	1.52
Inv Trust Acc	272.80	289.20	- 1.20	0.81
Mngd Equity	184.39	195.09	- 0.70	1.86
Mngd Cash	95.52	95.52	+ 0.02	6.09
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Equity	909.30	972.50	- 8.10	2.78
North America	148.20	158.50	- 0.90	
Far East	151.80	161.58	- 0.90	0.24
Wwide Bond	58.96	62.56†	+ 0.03	5.15
European	109.80	117.40†	- 0.10	1.82
Equity Income #	97.33	104.10	- 0.60	5.47
Portfolio	93.39	99.87	- 0.43	2.14
UK Leading Cos	66.76	71.21	- 0.49	3.08
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	69.92	74.78	- 0.53	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Access UT	21.81	23.21†	- 0.73	0.74
European	41.30	43.94†	- 0.13	0.68
High Income	33.72	35.88†	- 0.12	4.20
Japan	34.59	36.80†	- 0.69	0.01
Managed Assets	132.04	141.22	- 0.97	2.54
North American	36.32	38.64†	- 0.55	0.70
Smlr Co's Inc	31.13	33.12	- 0.15	2.43
Smlr Co's Acc	33.37	35.51†	- 0.15	2.43
UK Growth Inc	59.78	63.60	- 0.31	2.71
UK Growth Acc	65.67	69.87†	- 0.34	2.71
UK Income	43.29	46.21	- 0.23	3.15
Worldwide Gth	37.15	39.74	- 0.22	0.88
Confederation				
Canadian Exmpt	61.43	63.33†	- 0.40	2.04
European Exmpt	87.04	89.74†	- 0.09	1.89
Pacific Exmpt	59.89	61.75	- 0.77	0.91
US Exmpt	84.81	87.44†	- 0.09	1.85
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.65	56.01†	- 0.49	
Cap Protector Inc	42.16	44.85†	+ 0.02	2.80
UK Income Inc	54.14	57.60	+ 0.37	3.19
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	33.95	36.12†	+ 0.12	5.09
Mngd High Yld Inc	83.25	88.56†	+ 0.35	4.40
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	79.15	84.20	+ 0.36	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	36.60	38.94†	- 0.10	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	48.40	51.49	+ 0.01	0.68
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	248.25	260.59	- 2.36	...
-do- Accum	271.34	287.02	- 2.61	..
Brit Growth	104.49	110.57†	- 0.98	2.10
-do- Accum	128.05	135.50†	- 1.17	2.10
European	110.25	116.69	+ 0.04	
-do- Accum	117.34	124.17	+ 0.04	...
Extra Income	198.79	210.27†	- 1.38	4.09
-do- Accum	350.12	370.50†	- 2.41	4.09
Smaller Cos	79.27	83.88†	- 0.16	1.18
-do- Accum	90.19	95.34†	- 0.18	1.18
General	312.96	331.20	- 2.70	2.25
-do- Accum	655.72	693.85	- 5.67	2.25
Premier Income	58.21	52.39	- 0.06	7.03
-do- Accum	117.77	122.68	- 0.15	7.08
Income	350.62	371.02	- 2.07	3.82
-do- Accum	782.57	828.12	- 4.62	3.82
Pacific	418.44	434.33	- 3.07	...
-do- Accum	431.27	456.37	- 3.22	..
International	571.07	604.30	- 4.32	..
-do- Accum	751.49	795.14	- 5.55	..
Nat Resources	164.73	174.31†	+ 0.23	
Sted Opps	119.54	126.49†	- 0.88	1.84
-do- Accum	154.58	163.58†	- 1.18	1.84
Environmental Inv	62.74	71.68	- 0.45	1.40
Selector	67.54	71.47	- 0.42	1.71
-do- Accum	76.85	81.32	- 0.46	1.71
High Income	66.41	70.27	- 0.43	4.53
-do- Accum	86.59	91.63	- 0.58	4.53
Intl Income	60.61	64.14†	- 0.06	5.22
-do- Accum	77.61	82.12†	- 0.07	5.22
Selector Income	83.98	87.62	- 0.28	4.29
-do- Accum	76.92	80.97	- 0.34	4.29
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0161 887 1018				
British	358.62	377.50†	- 2.32	2.85
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	218.07	233.23	- 0.88	2.18
Glbl Balncd Inc	181.73	194.37†	- 0.80	3.81
Value Tst Inc	131.14	140.25	- 0.49	2.28
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	42.82	44.68	+ 0.04	7.28
European Growth	287.05	309.57	- 0.51	0.40
Exempt	577.19	608.27†	- 3.27	2.80
Global Em Mkts	80.65	84.45†	- 0.58	0.40
Japan Tst	78.68	82.30	- 2.43	..
Little Dragons	91.31	95.81	- 0.19	...
Nth Amer Gwth	255.90	268.76	- 0.24	0.58
Oriental Income #	45.44	47.58†	- 0.15	2.38
Preference	124.74	130.61†	- 0.85	9.00
Tiger	281.61	294.87	- 0.60	
UK Blue Chip	67.49	70.67	- 0.56	1.98
UK Growth	558.47	584.78†	- 3.78	2.20
UK High Yield #	106.95	111.98†	- 0.55	4.50
UK Mid-Cap	272.26	285.08†	- 1.03	2.20
UK Smlr Cos	111.44	116.69	- 0.69	1.80
UK Smlr Cos Div #	88.72	92.90	- 0.48	5.20
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	103.89	110.63	- 0.35	3.40
UK Equity Growth	92.41	98.31†	- 0.39	2.61
European	70.94	75.96†	- 0.58	1.47
Nth American	78.48	83.40	- 0.27	0.69
Far Eastern	71.21	75.75	- 0.18	1.29
Money	68.90	68.90	+ 0.01	5.38
Fixed Interest	74.65	79.41	- 0.34	5.65
Index Linked Gilt	68.25	72.61	- 0.25	1.38
VIRGIN DIRECT PRS LTD 0345 959595				
UK Index Tracking @	115.70	115.70†	+ 0.44	2.89
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	25.18	26.50	+ 0.57	
Pacific Basin	45.72	49.12	+ 0.37	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9024	0.9599	-0.0035	
Penny Share	42.82	45.07	- 0.30	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444				
Challenger	96.85	92.35	- 0.27	2.99
Short Dtd Gilt	117.50	119.50		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7684	0.7704	-0.0001	
Gilt Income	50.40	52.46†	- 0.14	7.80
Gilt Growth	72.47	75.42	- 0.27	
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	50.60	53.77		1.76
UK Stockmarket	86.50	92.01		2.44

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Midpoint price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge.

Shares claw back some losses

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
585	443	Abbey Natl	540	+7	4.4	11.0
320	250	Allied Irish	314	-2	4.5	9.1
280	196	Aus Nw Z	287	+3	5.3	7.9
3975	2511¼	Bank America	3906⅝	+25		
259½	211½	Bank Scotland	246	+1½	3.2	10.7
776	557½	Barclays	727	+2	3.8	8.9
412	286	Bk of Ireland	412	+2	3.9	8.3
525	448	Cater Allen	485		7.6	7.3
4531¼	2400	Citicorp	4386⅛	-18¾		
340½	300	Close Bros	295	-5	3.6	
£162¼	£125¼	Commerzbank	£143⅝	-31¼	3.7	
1375	955⅛	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1106¼	-34⅛	0.5	
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	2980	-95⅝	2.5	
881¼	682½	Espirito Santo	700	+3⅛	11.8	
1611	1127¼	Fuji Bank Y	1172¼	-197½	0.5	
490	365	Gerrard Nat	445		6.3	14.5
253	183	Hambros	208		4.6	82.4
956	590	HSBC	896	+5	3.9	11.7
988¾	578	HSBC HK	879⅝	+3⅛	4.0	11.4
333	238	Irish Perm	321	+3	3.8	7.4
483	393	Joseph (L)	443		5.8	24.7
145	115	King Shaxson	129	-6	8.7	10.0
789	590	Lloyds	789	+49	4.4	11.8
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	548	+4	7.0	8.4
665	444	Nat West	612	+10½	4.6	9.5
3600	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.4	3.5
67	45	Rea Brothers	46		2.7	18.4
497	373½	Royal Bk Scot	480	-10	3.7	11.8
1478	997½	Schroders	1278	-12	1.4	18.2
1180	825½	Schroders N/V	1050	-17	1.7	15.1
119	91	Singer & Friedl	107		4.3	11.1
492½	365	Stand Chartd	481	-5	2.3	12.1
369	277	TSB	369	+19	3.2	15.5
121	70	Union	110	+1	3.4	
£120⅝	903⅝	Wells Fargo	£120⅝	+105⅝	2.3	
289¾	211	Westpac	289⅛	+8⅛	2.2	
295	240	Wintrust	295		4.0	16.9

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
603	443	Anglian	590	+1	5.5	9.0
366	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	358		4.4	9.7
641	467¾	North West	573	-22	5.6	7.9
1033	678	Northumbrian	990	+5	3.6	8.5
688	475	Severn Trent	660	+2	5.5	8.2
2295	1852	South Staffs	2280		3.7	13.3
565	459	South West	522	+1	6.5	7.3
731	507	Southern	713	-1	4.5	9.2
568	456	Thames	540	-4	5.9	7.6
792	530¼	Welsh	792	+10	6.4	9.5
105½	100½	Welsh Cap Prf	101½	-½		
363	256¾	Wessex	347	+3	4.8	8.7
677½	472	Yorkshire	632	+1	5.3	10.4

Source: Fxxxxx

⊕ USM # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures on report awaited. No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
104⅝	100	Treas 12¾% 1995	100 1		12.68	6.75
106⅛	102	Treas 14% 1996	102		13.73	6.42
109⅜	104	Treas 15¼% 1996	104 †		14.55	6.54
107⅛	103⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	103 †		12.76	6.61
104	103	Conv 10% 1996	103 1		9.66	6.80
100	97¼	Treas 7% 1997	100		6.98	6.97
109	107	Treas 13¼% 1997	107		12.28	6.65
105	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104		10.02	6.71
103	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	103		8.48	6.90
117	114	Exch 15% 1997	115 †		13.05	6.97
107	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	105		9.25	7.07
101	96	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.23	7.15
99	94	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98 †		6.83	7.25
117	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	115		12.10	7.24
124	120	Treas 15½% 1998	121		12.78	7.32
114	109	Exch 12% 1998	112		10.67	7.32
107	100	Treas 9½% 1999	106		8.96	7.36
116	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	114		10.71	7.43
110	105	Treas 10½% 1999	109		9.69	7.47
98	89	Treas 6% 1999	96		6.31	7.49
110	105	Conv 10¼% 1999	109		9.39	7.57
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
106	100	Conv 9% 2000	105		8.55	7.57
103	98	Treas 8% 2000	101		7.89	7.62
122	117	Treas 13% 2000	120		10.76	7.66
111	104	Treas 10% 2001	109		9.13	7.75
97	90	Treas 7% 2001	96 †		7.29	7.82
111	103	Treas 9¾% 2002	109		8.97	7.94
102	94	Treas 8% 2003	99		8.01	8.00
113	105	Treas 10% 2003	111		8.99	8.03
118	110	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115		9.95	7.90
80	70	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79		4.48	6.82
111	103	Conv 9½% 2004	108 †		8.76	8.14
95	87	Treas 6¾% 2004	92		7.42	8.15
105	97	Treas 8½% 2005	102		8.32	8.15
111	102	Conv 9½% 2005	108 †		8.76	8.19
128	119	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125		9.98	8.15
99	92	Treas 7¾% 2006	96		8.01	8.22
101	93	Treas 8% 2002-06	99		8.12	8.20
122	113	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119		9.84	8.12
105	97	Treas 8½% 2007	101		8.34	8.23
137	126	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132		10.22	8.15
110	101	Treas 9% 2008	105 †		8.51	8.25
102	94	Treas 8% 2009	97		8.19	8.28
LONGS (over 15 years)						
86	79	Treas 6¼% 2010	82		7.61	8.39
111	101	Conv 9% 2011	105		8.51	8.32
111	102	Treas 9% 2012	105		8.51	8.33
80	72	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76		7.15	8.00
102	93	Treas 8% 2013	96		8.26	8.34
99	91	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94		8.23	8.34
110	100	Treas 8¾% 2017	103		8.44	8.37
139	127	Exch 12% 2013-17	132		9.03	8.42
UNDATED						
45	40	War Ln 3½%	41		8.40	
31	28	Treas 2½%	29		8.47	
45	45	Consols 4%	46		8.59	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:					10%	5%
212	201	Treas IL 2% 1996	212		0.69	3.30
112	108	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111 1		2.26	3.33
177	165	Treas IL 2½% 2001	174		3.21	3.67
173	161	Treas IL 2½% 2003	170		3.34	3.70
115	108	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113 1		3.38	3.71
182	168	Treas IL 2% 2006	179		3.42	3.68
165	152	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161		3.51	3.73
171	157	Treas IL 2½% 2011	166		3.54	3.73
141	129	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137		3.58	3.76
150	137	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145		3.62	3.78
144	131	Treas IL 2½% 2020	139		3.65	3.79
120	109	Treas IL 2½% 2024	116		3.66	3.78
119	109	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	115		3.66	3.79

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MORE than half of all hotel rooms worldwide were sold at a discount last year, with Asia and Australia reporting the best bargains, according to the 1995 World Hotel Industry study published yesterday. Its review of more than 3,000 hotels also found that the average weekend discount at all hotels was 30 per cent.

The survey reveals that hotels earned an average of 3.1 per cent of total earnings from their controversial surcharges on telephone calls, with the highest level (5.7 per cent) achieved by African and Middle Eastern hotels.

The industry in Britain was considered the healthiest in Europe — hoteliers elsewhere in Europe face substantial problems. Switzerland has had its worst summer season for 30 years, while French resorts have been hit by high costs and the strength of the franc.

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☐ NAIROBI's Serena hotel, one of the top business hotels in the city, has completed a £5.3 million refurbishment of its 183 rooms to provide extra facilities for executive travellers. Suites now include a fax machine and there is a fitness centre and swimming pool. Reservations through Leading Hotels of the World: 0800 181123.

DAVID CHURCHILL

White-knuckle ride: more and more holidaymakers prefer rafting through the rapids to burning on the beach

Adventure firms cash in on bored professionals

By Marianne Curphey

HOLIDAYS which test travellers to the limits of their fitness are becoming increasingly popular among a generation of wealthy, desk-bound professionals.

Tired of a working life chained to the office or behind a computer, they are bored with the idea of lying on a beach for two weeks and are looking instead for a holiday which challenges them physically.

"They want to test themselves, to find a challenge that they don't face in ordinary life as it becomes less active and less social," says Cam McLeay, founder of the white-water rafting company Adrift (0181-874 4969).

"The sort of lifestyle most people lead these days gives them little time for real excitement."

Robin Hamer, founder of First Ascent walking holidays (01298 83545), agrees. "Exercise is one of the great stress relievers as long as it is done in the right way," he says. He recommends participants have a medical check-up and start exercising regularly before booking for a trek. "Coping with several hours of trekking and the effects of altitude is easier when you are fit and prepared."

So demanding are some of Adrift's river descents that the company recommends prospective participants assess their fitness before booking. In order to get the most out of a trip down a river graded five (the most difficult), you should, Mr McLeay says, be able to complete the following: swim 150 metres continuously; jog three kilometres, hold your breath for 30 seconds, hang from a bar with both hands for 45 seconds, and complete 15 press-ups.

"This is not intended as a macho test to deter adventurers," Mr McLeay says. "The most important quality you need to join a grade five river trip is an outgoing attitude and a healthy spirit for adventure. This test is designed to give you an idea of the physical demands that could be made on you periodically throughout the trip."

Last year Adrift took 400 bookings, and the company has doubled its departure dates for 1996.

Adrift offers a Blue Nile expedition in Ethiopia (grade five) for £1,285 or a grade two New Zealand trip for £2,140 including flights, river trips and meals.

First Ascent, which offers British, European, and worldwide working holidays, has a proposed trip to the village of Cheren in the Solo Khumbu region near Everest next year. Though departure times still have to be confirmed, the expedition will cost about £1,700.

Tourist boards teach new ways to say hello

By Harvey Elliott

THOUSANDS of employees in the tourism industry are to be taught how to be nice to foreigners in an attempt to boost Britain's income from overseas visitors.

The English Tourist Board last week launched "Welcome Host International" which is intended to teach many of the 1.5 million people involved in tourism how to welcome and greet foreign visitors and offer assistance — preferably in their own languages.

The notorious inability of most British people to speak a foreign language is one of the biggest factors inhibiting international tourism growth, according to the board. The one-day course, to be offered to any local businesses involved in tourism by all 11 regional tourist boards, costs £69 per person and includes a grounding in 60 key phrases and useful words in seven languages, as well as a guide to the characteristics most likely to be found in different nationalities.

Students will be told it is rude to stare, point, shout at or shake hands with a Japanese visitor and they must never be put in "Room 4" because four in Japanese also means death.

Meal times can also differ among nationalities, with the potential for confusion and embarrassment if the gong goes at the wrong time. The Italians, for example, eat a main meal at midday, while the Spanish prefer 10pm and the Dutch the early evening. And, the students will be told, although Europeans like friendly eye contact, Middle Eastern women hate it.

The British Tourist Authority is giving £45,000 to set up the scheme and the 11 regional boards are recruiting 15 extra staff to run the courses in French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Norwegian.

Anthony Sell, the chief executive of the BTA, said: "While incoming tourism is on a steady upward path, our competitors are growing in both product quality and marketing effectiveness. The consequence has been that Britain has lost almost a 1 per cent share of the global market for tourism. This is a position we cannot allow to remain unchallenged. Communication skills must be taught in order to safeguard invaluable reputations which can be destroyed by just one unskilled and demotivated employee."

More than 10,000 new people are expected to participate in the scheme over the next six months. "Even if they can come out with 'Hello, how are you' it is a start and helps to break down the barriers — something the British just aren't very good at," said a tourist board spokesman.

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How I watched a weaver bird at work — and became a convert to the idea of building artificial resorts to save the world's special places

Listen to the call of the tourist ghettos

DOZENS of giant, artificial, all-purpose holiday "resorts" are needed in some of the world's barren and under-used territories if the increasing demand for mass tourism is to be met.

Large parts of the most historic or appealing cities will also have to be handed over completely to tourism and any pretence that local residents and visitors can coexist will have to be abandoned.

These radical solutions to one of the most potentially explosive international problems have the added advantage of being both environmentally and economically worthwhile.

I became a convert to the cause last week while quietly watching a weaver bird delicately build its nest balanced at the end of a long, thin branch arching over a dark green pool.

Until that moment I had been convinced that purpose-built resorts were naff, risible even — and should be avoided by any "real" tourists, especially those who have a genuine concern for the environment.

Yet there in Sun City, South Africa — the shining example of that purpose-built, pre-packed, culture which isolates tourists from the real world and provides instead a sanitised package of pleasures — nature had taken over and produced a setting which today's "genuine" green tourists could rarely have found.

I had listened to naturalist David Bellamy tell tour operators and travel agents that Sun City, Disneyworld and Sentosa Island — tourism ghettos he called them — were eco-friendly because they could be planned with concern for the environment built in. Sun City itself, he said, had created more than 4,000 jobs and become a haven for wildlife on what had until then been useless scrubland.

There are nearly six billion people in the world and increasing numbers are determined to travel.

The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Only 11 per cent of Americans have passports, and only 9 per cent of Japanese travel outside their own country. But by the end of the century they will be joined by another 500 million educated travel-hungry middle class Taiwanese, Koreans, Indonesians and Chinese wanting to have a foreign holiday.

Until Sun City and its like were created, developers looked for a perfect beach, or exquisite natural surroundings — and began building.

Thousands of historic towns, attractive villages, wildlife breeding grounds and wide-open spaces became honeypots, attracting far more visitors than could ever be accommodated without ruining the very thing they had come to see.

In Venice, for example, the constant flow of visitors has made daily living in the city almost impossible. Indeed, United Nations officials have seriously suggested that the local residents move out so that the centre of Venice can be turned into a historic "theme park", while they live their everyday lives free of "foreign" encumbrances.

Why should anyone want to travel half way round the world to stay in an artificial resort? They will if it offers the best that the host country has to offer in one compact area, if lakes can be produced which attract birds which would not normally be seen, if trees can be planted and animals and insects which, perhaps, had been wiped out in the wild, can be reintroduced.

Please don't sneer or scoff. In many of the existing remote areas of the world tourists can walk for days without seeing local fauna. Indeed, back-packers and birdwatchers are often the worst vandals, strewing the place with litter and putting nothing into the local economy.

How much better to create something for them and then let it grow and develop naturally. I would never have watched a weaver bird build its nest had that pool not been built. And I was as alone and as silent as if I was in the middle of the bush — yet only a few hundred yards from the comforts of a modern hotel.

Tour firms expand all-in range

By Tony Dawe

DEMAND for all-inclusive holidays is now so strong that new resorts are spreading from the Caribbean, where they were pioneered, to the Mediterranean.

The appeal of paying for everything — including all drinks, food and sports — in advance is so great that all-inclusives are now one of the fastest growing, and profitable, holidays available.

But the economic benefits, claimed by many to be of equal importance to holidaymaker, hotelier and tour operator alike, are now being increasingly challenged.

All-in packages, through leading tour operators such as Airtours and Thomson, include free entertainments as well as food and drink. They are sold at a premium but the operators claim that tourists can save a fortune on hidden extras.

First Choice, which has produced a separate all-inclusive holiday brochure for next summer, claims that a couple and two children holidaying in Spain this year would have saved £140 by taking an all-inclusive rather than standard package, taking into account additional expense.

The company's cost-comparison report also claims that a family holiday at a top British resort would be more expensive than a comparable holiday at one of its Mediterranean centres.

Cost comparison depend on how many extras a family will buy. The First Choice survey estimated that each child would have two ice-creams and three soft and three hot drinks a day and that, in addition to non-alcoholic beverages, each adult would have two beers, two glasses of wine and a glass of spirits every day.

Other extras included a snack, and tea and cakes for all the family every day, bicycle hire, windsurfing sessions, table tennis and volleyball games, and six evenings out for the adults.

However, operators outside the all-inclusive market are challenging such claims. They say that the figures don't add up because the average family does not eat, drink and play at this pace during a holiday.

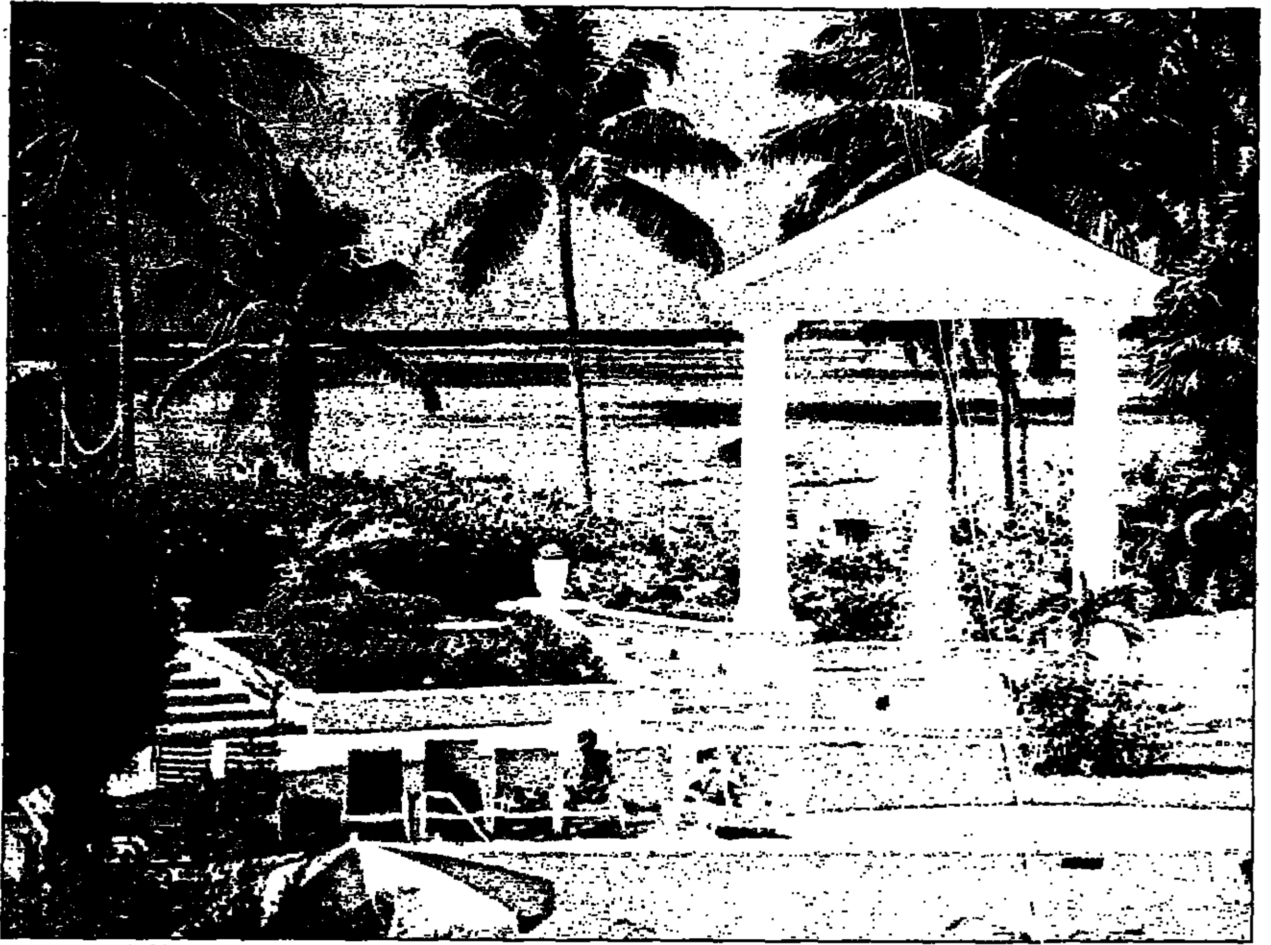
The companies offering all-inclusive holidays agree that they would not suit families who just want to lie on the beach, but Alex Woolfall of the Association of British Travel Agents, says: "Operators are expanding this type of holiday because there is a big market for it. The idea of paying months in advance for a holiday and knowing that you will not have to spend anything extra is very attractive to many people."

The criticisms have not deterred Sandals, the Caribbean's leading all-inclusive resort operator. The company announced this week that its tenth property, the Royal Bahamian, will open in Nassau in January, complete with water sports pavilion, fitness centre and spa, outdoor sports complex and five restaurants.

Richard Ashton, of First Choice, says: "People see the benefits of all-in holidays. They make financial planning easier and offer better value for money." The company's destinations next summer include Greece, where the average all-inclusive cost for a family is about £1,630, and Turkey, where the cost is about £1,400.

Thomson believes, however, that the biggest growth area for all-inclusive holidays is long-haul destinations, which are becoming increasingly popular for couples without children. Although the company is offering all-inclusive family packages to ten Mediterranean resorts next summer, it is expecting its packages to the Caribbean, Kenya and Mauritius to enjoy the greatest boom. Two-week all-inclusive holidays in the Dominican Republic start at £665 per person, while a five-star destination in Barbados or St Lucia, with free scuba diving and laundry, costs from £2,500.

"Local business people at these resorts complain that all-inclusive holidays have hit them because tourists don't leave the hotels. But the case is being overstated and many people are venturing out," says Gloria Ward, of Thomson. "These hotels are also providing many new jobs because they require a high ratio of staff to guests."



An all-inclusive package to a Sandals resort in the Caribbean includes free drinks, snacks, sports and entertainments

Pakistan looks for cricket boost

By Mike Imeson

PAKISTAN's tourist industry intends to use the momentum now gathering for next spring's cricket World Cup as a springboard to boost its visitor numbers.

"The cricket is a big operation for us and for our country's hotels, so once we are through with that we will just keep on going forward," says Salman Javed, general manager of Pakistan International Airlines' tours promotion division.

PIA, which ranks 34th in terms of passenger kilometres flown in the Iata league of 187 active airlines, is targeting three distinct sections of British travellers next year.

The airline is promoting a "return to roots" programme for the substantial number of first and second generation Pakistanis who have never visited their father's or grandfather's birthplace. It is also keen to welcome families of those who served at the time of the British Raj in India and who may be buried in what is now Pakistan. "There were lots of soldiers, civil servants and teachers and we will go out of our way to make their visit memorable," Mr Javed says.

The airline also wants to boost passenger numbers to other Asian nations by getting them to use Pakistan as a jumping-off spot to the newly independent countries of the old Soviet Union, as well as to Tibet and Nepal.

Meanwhile, major hotel chains, such as Serena Hotels, also see scope for a big increase in people keen to travel in one of the world's few virtually untouched tourist destinations.

Serena, with five hotels in Pakistan, plans to update its property in the legendary Hunza valley, 7,000 feet above sea level in the Karakoram mountains. But chief executive officer Jean-Claude Bailly stresses that a hotel which is excessively luxurious would be out of place in the area which has only been accessible to travellers for little over a decade following the opening of the Karakoram highway, stretching from Islamabad into China.

The chain also owns four-star hotels in Quetta, in Baluchistan, and Faisalabad, in the Punjab, as well as two more in Gilgit, in Kashmir, and the Swat valley in the northern areas. While Britain is by far the largest single source of visitors to Pakistan, since many Pakistanis have UK passports and are resident in Britain, real adventurers — the serious trekkers and mountaineers — are believed to total only around 10,000 a year, a figure the hotels and airline would like to see trebled by the end of the century.

Florida angered by warning on crime

By David Churchill

FLORIDA's tourism officials yesterday reacted angrily to new Foreign Office advice warning British tourists about the dangers of crime in the state, which this year has seen a 20 per cent increase in British visitors to a record 1.2 million.

Florida is the only US state apart from California where official Foreign Office advice (available to the public by telephone on 0374 500900) warns visitors to be on the lookout for crime. The FO advice states: "Despite the recent reduction in the number of attacks on tourists in Florida, visitors should continue to be vigilant about their personal safety."

The FO then suggests a number of precautions visitors should take, including not wearing ostentatious jewellery, using only well-lit car parks, not sleeping in rest areas, and not stopping if bumped from behind by a car.

Colin Brodie, director of the Florida division of tourism in London, argues that the FO's advice, published on October 6, is unfair. "We've had no major incidents in the state affecting British visitors for the past two years," he says. "There is no reason why Florida should be singled out when crime is higher in other parts of America."

Orlando, which attracts two-thirds of the visitors to Florida mainly because of the nearby Walt Disney World resort, is equally incensed. "We hosted several World Cup games last year and had no trouble at all," points out Oonagh McCullagh, director of Orlando tourism in London.

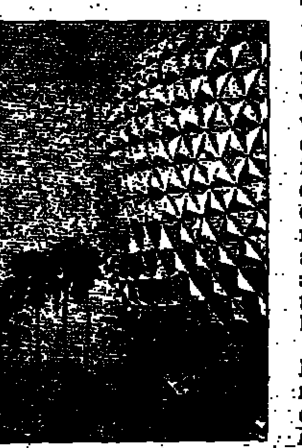
The FO advice comes as Florida is set significantly to increase its popularity as a holiday destination next year, in spite of worries about the sluggish state of the overseas package market in general. Leading operator Thomson Holidays reports that sales this winter to Florida are up by 46 per cent so far, while Thomas Cook says bookings for next summer are 40 per cent ahead.

This high level of demand has led to extra flights being introduced, including Virgin's new six-times-a-week Orlando flight from Manchester, Sir Freddie Laker's new thrice-weekly service to Miami, and Thomson's new charter into West Palm Beach. This 25 per cent increase in capacity is likely to trigger a price war next summer.

In a recent survey by Lunn Poly of 800 holidaymakers, a quarter of respondents rated Florida as the top 1996 destination. The Caribbean and Turkey were next in line.

But the question of tour operators sending holidaymakers to destinations on which the FO issues travel warnings is of increasing concern to the travel industry, following recent attempts to claim damages against tour companies for allegedly being negligent. Operators and agents are supposed to make any FO warnings clear at the time of booking, to avoid litigation.

Safety tips on travelling in Florida are also included in a new guide from Thomas Cook called *On the Road Around Florida*, available direct on 01733 268943, price £12.49.



Disney's Epcot centre

IN BRIEF

LONDON's first open-topped tourist bus to be powered by gas went into service this week. London Pride claims that the liquified petroleum gas-powered engine will reduce harmful emissions by 70 per cent compared with diesel engines. The company is planning to convert all 20 buses in its fleet to the new fuel.

☐ TWO more tour operators have gone out of business, stranding nearly 300 holidaymakers abroad. Sunbeach Holidays of Edenbridge in Kent, which was licensed to carry 4,050 people mainly to the United States, and Club Villa-Sol from Newcastle-under-Lyme, which had permission to take 800 to Spain and Turkey, have joined the growing list of failed operators. In both cases the CAA called in their compulsory bonds and made arrangements to repatriate those stranded and refund those unable to travel.

☐ BRITISH AIRWAYS European passengers are this month being asked to donate their unwanted foreign coins to benefit child refugees in the former Yugoslavia. The scheme, which originally started on all intercontinental flights, has so far raised a total of £1.7 million. Last month's £100,000 worth of donations from long-haul passengers will go to projects chosen by child delegates to the International Children's Conference on the Environment, to be held in Eastbourne at the end of the month.

Eurotunnel enters winter price war

By Steve Keenan

EUROTUNNEL is expected to unveil a new winter fare structure slashing prices for off-peak travel and offering a range of promotional discounts.

The company is determined to compete better with ferry rivals, which hugely undercut Le Shuttle, the car-carrying service, during its first winter.

Le Shuttle did not start service until December last year, offering a simple fare structure of £49 day-trips, £75 for five-day tickets and £136 for standard returns. But the ferries responded with several £1 day-trip newspaper offers and promotions, while carrying cars for less than £10. The day-trip market now accounts for an estimated 40 per cent of passengers on the Dover-Calais route.

Le Shuttle is expected to broaden its fare range considerably in its new brochure, out this month and valid until April. It has also cut duty-free prices by a third. The company insists, however, it will not enter the £1 shopping market. "It is just not tenable. We are a competitive mode of transport and we are not giving away trips," said Georges-Christian Chazot, the chief executive.

The ferry companies also offered 25 per cent discounts last winter for advance summer bookings, on which Le Shuttle was hoping to maximise returns. Eurotunnel last month accused the ferries of mounting an "insane" price war.

The competition devastated Eurotunnel's trading figures revealed last week. The company now projects operational income this year of £275 million compared with £525 million forecast a year ago. It has called in John Kay, of the London Business School, to advise on strategy. He has previously argued Eurotunnel should introduce price cuts and a more sophisticated price structure.

But the news did not surprise the ferries yesterday. "Le Shuttle has learnt the hard way that promotions and value for money fares are all part of the marketing equation to be put in place. We have effectively been telling them what to do for some time," said a P&O spokesman.

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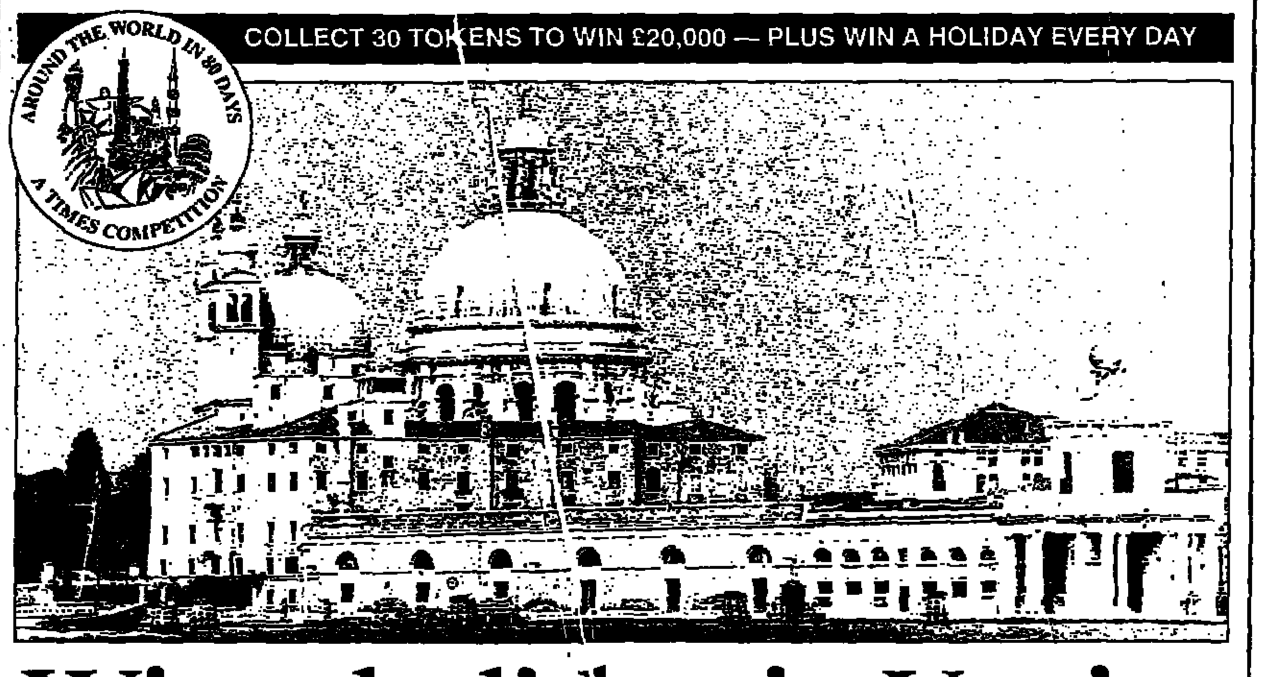

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TOMORROW: WIN A HOLIDAY TO RUSSIA

Bernard Levin on the latest work of Arthur Miller, artist and spokesman for an age: an American icon who refuses to fade away

Honest as her creator's life is long

PLAIN GIRL
By Arthur Miller
Methuen, £10

When a man writes an autobiography stretching for some 275,000 words, having previously written 20 plays, four screenplays, some miscellaneous fiction (not forgetting a children's book), a collection of essays, together with the written fruits of long and sharp-eyed travel, and married Marilyn Monroe, few would deny that he is a remarkable man. And if there are doubters, they would be silenced at knowing that his 80th birthday falls next week and that he is celebrating it by publishing yet another book, a novel: *Plain Girl*.

Miller's people came from Poland, in that mighty Jewish trek from persecution, and his Jewishness has never left him. Indeed, almost everything in his gigantic oeuvre has that touch of the *shtetl*. His Jewishness is, of course, affected by the Holocaust, and the burning anger that this wonderfully unangry man still feels is directed particularly towards the American State Department and the Foreign Office in those terrible early 1940s when a good number of Jews could have been saved, were it not for the diplomats who preferred to look the other way.

Miller, like all or most playwrights, is always on the lookout for an idea, and in Miller there can be found something ruthless — an odd word for so wise and deep a genius. True, he says: "Like every writer, I am asked where my work originates, and if I knew I would go there more often to find more." But there is a steely note in his voice when he comes to the suicide of a close member of the family: "But there simply are circumstances in which plays collect and form, like bacteria in a laboratory dish, later to kill or cure."

Again and again, when Miller is searching for the bricks that are to make an edifice, he finds something with pain in it. Does he *want* to find pain, or does pain seek him out? Oddly, there is not very much laughter in his work, and much of what there is, comes from the darker side. Certainly, anyone who saw his most recent play, *Broken Glass*, at the Duke of York's, went home not only thoughtful but in silence.

This introduction has been prolonged; but no one could take the full measure of this tiny novel without knowing what superb writer created it. Miller's very first signal is almost invisible: the book is called *Plain Girl*, but he must have tip-toed onto the fly-leaf — and nowhere else — and added to *Plain Girl*, "A life."

Miller: not-so-plain themes

The plain girl touches almost every place in Miller. The Jews and their plight (plights, really): the fanatical Communist who cannot see through Stalin, not even when the Stalin-Hitler pact is signed; the girl who cannot believe she is pretty; the men with whom she makes love, particularly the man who has lost two fingers — fingers torn off by a Nazi torturer; and the Depression, which touched everyone.

We have heard all those tunes in his earlier work, but such is Miller's passion and ingenuity, we not only are able to forget what has gone before, but actually find ourselves quite startled in the traps Miller sets for us. You will find yourselves with an ending so different from what has gone before that it actually jars; but take time to go back and read the last chapter again — it is only eight pages long. (To be sure, the whole book is only 50 pages long, and tiny pages they are, too).

The balance is almost miraculously held; the plain girl supervises her father's cremation, and then loses the box holding his ashes. Guiltily, she tries to put the painful mistake from her, but towards the end of the story those ashes will come back to play their part, and it is a particularly painful part.

But throughout, the plain girl remains the honest girl: "She felt she was blushing for him and could not press him. She did not want his nobility marred. Some day he might tell her. In fact, she was aware of how really little she knew of his life. 'Radicals think they want the truth, but what they really long for is high-minded characters to look up to.'

"'Not only radicals, Janice. People have to believe in goodness'. His eyelids fluttered faster when he was excited and they did so now, like birds' wings. 'They're disappointed most of the time but in some part of his beliefs every person is naive. Even the most cynical. And memories of one's naivety are always painful. But so what? Would you rather have no beliefs at all?'"

Arthur Miller was — is — the man who kept his head. His years and success have neither made him vain, nor afraid. The horrors of the Un-American Activities Committee (the very title proclaims its lunacy) did not break him, nor persuade him to tell lies. It drowned, as he must have known it would, in its own vomit. What does he think of political correctness and its horrors? Does he think that America will go mad every 40 years or so? I would even like to hear him on the lunacies of anti-smoking legislation.

In his enormous oeuvre, novels have not been prominent; he discovered early that the stage was for him, and he treads it still. This tiny jewel of a book, *Plain Girl*, surely cannot be Miller's final salute. On the contrary, this book announces that for him to ride off onto a new, or almost new road, on his 80th birthday, denotes not a farewell but a new way of sharpening his wits. We shall wait patiently for the new play.

Bernard Levin will be writing regularly for the Books Pages.

Opium eater's visions

John Russell Taylor

CHRISTOPHER WOOD
An English Painter
By Richard Ingleby
Allison and Busby, £25

AT 6.30 am on August 20, 1930 a handsome, agitated young man came into the hotel dining room and asked for a whisky and soda — which, needless to say, he did not get. Out all night, he then went up to his room and the waiter, noticing he had left his overcoat on a chair, thoughtfully moved it to the hall stand. Surprised by its weight (or so he subsequently told a private detective), he peeked in the pocket and discovered a pistol. Less than eight hours later its owner was dead under a train at Salisbury station.

It all sounds like something from vintage Agatha Christie. But the young man was Christopher Wood, at the time considered the white hope of British painting, and the private detective was hired by his friend Ben Nicholson and Jim Ede, creator of Kettle's Yard, Cambridge. The circumstances and the man must have been exceptional for Nicholson, even then noted for his single-minded absorption in his own art, to have gone so far out of his way. But he and Wood had created a truly English avant garde out of a chance encounter with Alfred Wallis, retired seaman, in the primitive St Ives cottage where he painted his primitive sea scenes. And the mystery of Wood's death, accident or suicide, was complete.

It remained so until Richard Ingleby discovered the report of the private detective, which establishes at least that Wood was in a fraught and frantic mental state; possibly suicidal, or possibly preparing to defend himself at gunpoint from the emissaries of the Guinness family whom he believed to be in vengeful pursuit of him. Four years before, Wood had had an affair with Meraud Guinness, but she had since married the painter Alvaro Guevara. Wood's delusion of pursuit probably had more to do with his opium addiction. On top of the affair with Meraud, Wood was bisexual. This had proved a passport into the sophisticated world of Cocteau and Diaghilev in Paris, which brought Wood early celebrity and, probably through Cocteau, the opium habit.

WAS WOOD'S death at the age of 29 a serious loss for British painting? In his brief life he was amazingly productive, working with feverish intensity. Through all his chameleon changes one can see a style emerging, somewhat theatrical and definitely more chic and continental that anything his British contemporaries could show. On the other hand, it might well be the limited style of a minor master, a decorative artist: as Ingleby remarks, one cannot imagine Wood, had he lived, developing as far and boldly as Nicholson did. Cocteau said effusively: "If I were not Wood's friend, I would want to be, having seen his paintings." Well, he would, wouldn't he?

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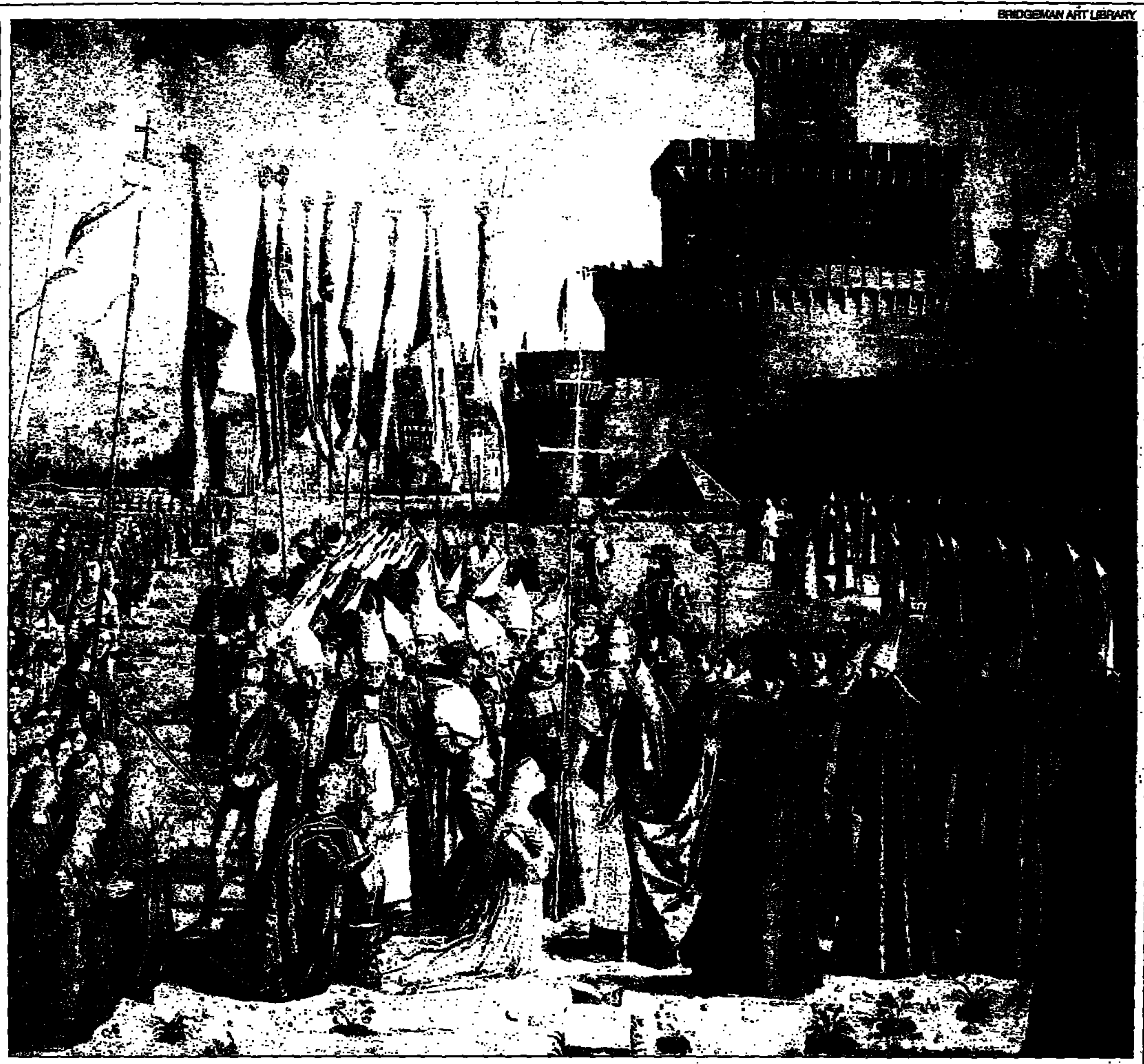

A master of contemporary detail: "The Pilgrims Meet Pope Cyriac before the Walls of Rome", from Carpaccio's *St Ursula* cycle, 1490-1494

Quiddity of Venetian art

Bruce Boucher

CARPACCIO
By Vittorio Sgarbi
Abbeville Press, £72

No tourist would leave Venice today without paying homage to Carpaccio. He is the quintessential Venetian artist, one whose works are rarely found elsewhere. His *St Ursula* cycle and *Miracle at the Rialto Bridge* rank among the Accademia's *chef-d'oeuvres*, and his beguiling canvases of Saints George and Jerome continually draw visitors to the outer reaches of the Riva deglia Schiavoni.

But his celebrity is of fairly recent date, and Carpaccio was not ranked among the great artists of his day. Vasari had scarcely heard of him, characteristically lumping the painter with old-fashioned rather than contemporary masters in the *Lives of the Artists*. By temperament and technique, Carpaccio did stand outside the great tradition in Venetian art that ran from his putative master, Giovanni Bellini, through Titian to Veronese and Tintoretto.

Carpaccio's rediscovery was due largely to John Ruskin, who recast the history of Venetian art much as he redefined its greatest period. What fascinated Ruskin and later critics was Carpaccio's curious blend of documentation and fantasy: the quiddity of life is there, from gondolas to inkwells, though often set against buildings and landscapes that seem the product of a naive, childish imagination. On the other hand, Carpaccio manifestly failed the acid test of his contemporaries: his altarpieces lacked flair, and his later work declined into repetitive pastiche. Still, he more than compensated posterity through his gift for narrative. Carpaccio domesticated the great achievements of Mantegna and the Bellini by transforming religious legends into projections of his native city. He may have only painted a handful of great works, but so detailed and credible is the artist's world that his *Vision of St Augustine* has become our collective idea of the Renaissance humanist in his study.

Carpaccio has not lacked for champions in recent times, but Vittorio Sgarbi's splendid volume is certainly the most luxurious treatment to date. The book is inevitably described as the "definitive monograph"; yet it hardly lives up to such terms, consisting as it does of a short essay on the artist, a sketchy catalogue, and colour plates with long captions sandwiched in between. Before he became a politician and media personality, Sgarbi was an art-historian with a clear affinity for Carpaccio's work; his text, however, is more often concerned with negotiating the disputes between Italian scholars of an earlier generation then placing the artist's achievement in context.

Symptomatic of the book's restrictive purview is its skimpy attention to technique and meagre comparative illustrations, and it is surprising to find no photograph here of the interior of the confraternity of San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, the only setting for Carpaccio's works preserved from the 16th century. The great glory of the book is its generous selection of colour photographs, and the best of these justify Carpaccio's proud boast in a letter to the Marquis of Mantua that there were no paintings to compare with him "in terms of quality and overall perfection as well as size".

Hard work on the Sabbath

Claire Messud

SABBATH'S THEATER
By Philip Roth
Jonathan Cape, £15.99

In the United States, response to Philip Roth's latest novel, *Sabbath's Theater*, has been loud, and mixed. *The New York Times* reviewer, Michiko Kakutani, deemed the book "disingenuous and distasteful". In the same newspaper, in the *Sunday Book Review*, William Pritchard hailed Sabbath, its hero, as Roth's finest creation, and praised the novel's profundity. Both reviewers are right: Mickey Sabbath, former puppeteer, "Whoremonger, Seducer, Sodomist, Abuser of Women, Destroyer of Morals, Ensnarer of Youth" (as he writes for his own epitaph), is disingenuous and distasteful, a paunchy, randy 64-year-old whose mission has been to live out the statement "I am disorderly conduct." He affronts, and Roth's novel affronts: that's the point.

But in Sabbath's hate-filled flailing in the face of mortality, Roth has created a noble and impassioned paean to life. Sabbath could not, in most things, be further from William James, but both struggle with the question of suicide, and both opt, ultimately, for the ragged pleasures and torments of the living: "Everything he hated was here."

It takes Sabbath some 450 pages to reach this conclusion, pages of wandering and wondering, of reminiscence and reconstruction of his entire sex-filled, loss-filled, failure-filled existence. He is an actor suddenly deprived of a script, a puppeteer whose arthritis has deprived him of his art, a man who ignores his wife and keeps company only with the dead. The latter include his brother Morty, shot down by the Japanese; his mother; his disappeared first wife Nikki; and his rambunctious Croatian-American lover Drenka, carried off by cancer — but he has never before contemplated his own relationship to Death. His weapons have been self-knowledge and the authentic pursuit of its implications: communion with his base nature has led him to commit base acts, to rely on persistent indecency in his life's behaviour.

When Drenka dies, however, Sabbath loses sight of what that authenticity might now mean. After walking out on his second wife Roseanna, he visits old friends, Norman and Michelle Cowan, in New York City, on the occasion of another friend's funeral, and there falls into suicidal madness (or is it lucidity?): "Mishima. Rothko. Hemingway. Berryman. Koestler. Pavese. Kosinski. Arshile Gorky. Primo Levi. Hart Crane. Walter Benjamin. Peerless bunch. Nothing dishonourable signing on there." But he can no longer tell whether his madness is genuine or an act.

Sabbath's brilliant internal journey is hard-won, both for the character and for the reader. To reach the point where he leaves the relatively tame seclusion of his home and spite-filled marriage in Madamaska Falls for the sea of his past, the reader must plough through tedious pages about Sabbath's affair with Drenka, about their busy and various sexual activities and their apparently endless appetites. This stuff is vintage Roth, appropriately filthy and all too familiar — what one would expect of Alex Portnoy at 64. It seems to exist almost as a test for the reader: there are many who will drop the volume in disgust, thinking, like Sabbath's friend Norman: "Isn't it tiresome in 1994, this role of rebel-hero?"

To fall mired in objections over Micky's lewdness is to miss the transgressive exuberance and wicked clear-sightedness not only of Sabbath but of Roth's magnificent creativity. Sabbath is a failure — as an artist, as a friend, as a husband, as a Jew (in his imagined obituary, he includes the headline "Did Nothing for Israel"). But Roth imbues him with such wit that it is impossible at times to stifle a guffaw at his outrageous commentary, made with such rage (he hates women, convention, ideologies, the Jews and, most passionately, the Japanese, who shot down his brother) and, for all its perversity, with such love that Sabbath stands, ultimately, not Lear-like — for all the references to Lear, both literal and structural — but like Poor Tom, "unaccommodated Man," that "poor, bare, forked animal," tragic and glorious at the same time.

Sabbath's Theater is the finest work Roth has produced in years. Sabbath is at one point uncertain whether "to slide headlong into the stairwells with the substrata of bums or to succumb like a man to the desire-not-to-be-alive-any-longer... or to affront and affront and affront till there was no one on earth unaffronted". He, and his creator, choose the latter course and the decision is cause for celebration. *Sabbath's Theater*, in spite of its rather wearying sexual bravado (and perhaps in part because of it) is the mature masterpiece of the author of *Portnoy's Complaint*.

Redemption from the past

Rachel Cusk

JACKSON'S DILEMMA
By Iris Murdoch
Chatto & Windus, £15.99

IRIS MURDOCH'S latest novel *Jackson's Dilemma* is a morality play, a deliberate and formal spectacle in which a group of metaphorically predetermined characters perform a dance of destiny: changing partners and positions, circling and side-stepping, hurrying to finish with everyone in the correct place.

The scene is the moneyed, mannered landscape of a vanished England: the time an unrecognisable present day, to which our protagonists are tethered in the manner of a balloon upon a string. The concerns are those of love, honour and integrity, all divine mysteries which the deeply unmysterious 20th century can rarely afford. In this delimited world, however, as finely tuned and unpopulated as a Victorian drawing room, the prosaic profuseness of modern flesh and fleshpots is kept at bay. The dilemmas here — if not that of Jackson, the manservant of the title — are those of privilege and the past; the fruit of conflicts which no longer exist, and beyond which is clearly audible the rumble of real life going on elsewhere.

Such a pageant can really only be enacted on private property, and indeed the aristocratic company comes furnished with a world of interiors: adjoining estates in Cornwall, large, proximate London houses, luxurious cars beneath whose wheels empty motorways appear to shrink as they expedite themselves from town to country, sometimes several times on one day. They tunnel about as if blinkered or underground, and the few unpaved stretches of reality they must endure are obstructed only by stray herds of bovine populace: fawning villagers, obsequious passers-by, grateful beggars, the blurred and muted urban crowd.

Edward, the solitary heir of Hatting Hall, is about to be married to Marian, a girl in the Jamesian style, of uncertain provenance and means but much charm. Benet, the solitary heir of nearby Penndean, is the wedding host. He holds a dinner for Edward the night before to which he has invited the "group": Owen, a gay painter and rogue; Mildred, a mystic do-gooder; Tuan, a young, dark stranger; and Rosalind, Marian's younger sister.

With the cast thus assembled under one roof, disaster is invited to strike; and it does, in the form of an unexplained note from Marian, who is still in London, although she may have used the magic motorway to deliver it and then return. This note brutally calls off the wedding without further elaboration. Marian disappears without trace, and the group must attempt to re-establish order in its ranks.

Haunting the ensuing emotional croquet is Jackson, a mysterious character who, some time before, turned up on Benet's other doorstep in London with an ordinance to become his servant and since then has demonstrated miraculous powers of omniscience, ubiquity and skill at home improvements. Jackson is in fact a kind of angel, a benevolent dimension to human hopelessness, and it is his overarching presence which provides the atmosphere of a game for the scuttling, tormented players. They grope about blindfolded, believing — and occasionally having us believe — that the game is about far more than merely finding one's partner.

Happiness here rests on the ability to distinguish what is coercive from what is intended; more interesting is Iris Murdoch's suggestion that we become vulnerable to coercion, or liable to inflict it, because we are wounded. We are all, the novel seems to say, coerced by our own histories into making decisions that are wrong for us; and redemption lies in freeing oneself from the determinism of the past, and the things it would have us believe about ourselves.

GRAHAM WOOD

Iris Murdoch: a mannered vision of vanished England

Robert Blake on a readable life of Gladstone by the Chancellor of Oxford University

Changing parties and grand old men

GLADSTONE
By Roy Jenkins
Macmillan, £20

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Mr Gladstone Indignant by Harry Furniss, the Irish artist who caricatured British public figures from 1854 to 1925

Gladstone was the most extraordinary of all Prime Ministers. Roy Jenkins in this perceptive, sympathetic and highly readable biography does not claim that he was the greatest.

He never had to cope with war, apart from the Crimean, with which he was always ill at ease, mainly concerned with the cost to the Exchequer. He is hence not quite in the league of the two Pitts, Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, all of whom were faced with the problem of national survival. There was no such threat in the long Victorian summer, upon which the first autumnal leaves were only just beginning to fall at the end of his colossal career. If there had been he would not have coped well. His rivals at different times in his career, Palmerston and Disraeli, would have been better. Wartime leaders cannot afford the moral and religious doubts which tortured Gladstone.

But he remains unique among peacetime post-1832 Prime Ministers. He was an MP for more than 62 years. He introduced no fewer than 14 Budgets and he was four times Prime Minister, taking office for the last and sadly anti-climactic time in 1892 at the age of 82. Only Palmerston, with whom he had little rapport, enjoyed a comparable tenure. Gladstone was unique not only in terms of longevity. What other Prime Minister has moved so far away from his early political beliefs? Churchill twice changed sides, though not convictions. But Macaulay's "rising hope of those stern and unbending Tories" became "the people's William" in the 1860s and the standard-bearer of the masses against the upper classes in the 1880s.

What other Prime Minister has conducted a vast correspondence with the leading scholars of Europe on questions of theology, or has been so widely read in such a multitude of languages? And who else has kept a diary in which he recorded as his daily account to God his scruples, sins and worries along with his political, literary and religious activities?

The final volumes of this remarkable document, edited by Professor Colin Matthew with a meticulous scholarship and sensitivity to which Lord Jenkins pays full tribute, have only recently been published. It is a source of immense importance though often difficult to understand. This is the first occasion for its full exploitation by a biographer. Its use inevitably leads to one of the most controversial aspects of Gladstone's life — his "rescue work" among London prostitutes. What other Prime Minister would ever have engaged in such a perilous work of charity? Jenkins deals with it candidly and in my view conclusively. Gladstone was not alone among statesmen in being very highly sexed. His *bête noire*, Palmerston, was the same but did not worry about it. Gladstone did. It is impossible to believe, despite the views of previous biographers such as Sir Philip Magnus, that there was *not* a strong sexual impulse behind his preference for rescuing "fallen women" rather than tubercular chimney sweeps or elderly alcoholics. In the process episodes undoubtedly occurred which gave him an acute sense of guilt, inducing self-flagellation, recorded in the diary by the sign of a whip. In view of his categorical denial to his clergyman son of "infidelity to the marriage bed" one can safely assume that these did not include full sexual intercourse. Just what they did include must remain a puzzle which only the prurient will wish to solve. What is indisputable is that Gladstone was singularly unsuccessful — only one out of 80 women was "saved" by 1881 — and that he took an astounding risk in engaging in such work at all.

Jenkins brings to this book many assets: his well established skill as a biographer; his experience as a notable politician, a much respected ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer and a might-have-been Prime Minister. He appreciates from personal knowledge how Budgets are made and changed, how Cabinets and parties are kept together or sundered. He knows how ministers have to be cajoled or persuaded — an art in which Gladstone was by no means proficient — and the importance of oratory. As Lady Clarendon said of the Whigs in 1859: "They want his tongue and they dread it in opposition." Gladstone's career was much mixed up with Oxford where he was educated (at Christ Church, of course) and which he represented in the Commons for 18 years. Who better than the Chancellor of the University to disentangle the complications of the relationship? The book is not based on what dons call "original research". Jenkins is right to avoid it. The sheer quantity of published material is gigantic. Further investigation is unlikely to add anything of importance. Analysis, thought and perception can.

Jenkins has used the diary and other sources to give a memorable and somewhat unexpected picture of Gladstone, who turns out — despite his populist role — to have been remarkably fond of country house visiting and the society of dukes and duchesses. He also, despite his energy and long life, suffered far more ill-health than one would have expected, often taking to his bed. His financial affairs were eccentric and, although undoubtedly a great guardian of the public purse, he was by no means prudent about his own. His management of his brother-in-law's estate was successful, but some of his own investments were disastrous. Some would not have been approved by Lord Nolan: for example, 37 per cent of his entire portfolio (£40,000, the equivalent of £2 million today) was in Egyptian bonds, whose value largely depended on his own political decisions in the 1880s. One of the many merits of this book is that the author always translates Victorian into 1990s values. The figures come as quite a shock.

This is a splendid biography which deals justly and fairly with all the controversies of Gladstone's life, his relations with Queen Victoria, with Disraeli and other major figures, and with Gladstone's one great failure, Ireland. It is a notable achievement and will not easily be superseded.

Lord Blake is the leading biographer of Disraeli.

The Maid of Maastricht

Bruce Anderson

TOO CLOSE TO CALL
Power and Politics:
John Major in No 10
By Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Hill
Little, Brown, £17.50

Although she was appointed rather than elected, Sarah Hogg is one of the few British female politicians to have achieved front-rank status. When the papers are available and her role can be fully assessed, she may prove to have been more important than any political woman up to now, except Margaret Thatcher. The only informed criticism of her performance as the head of John Major's No 10 Policy Unit from 1990 to 1994 was a tendency to do too much and thus spread herself too thin. Was it necessary, for instance, that she should be so involved in the Gatt round? Then again, the Gatt negotiations went well, and no one I've talked to who dealt with her on more orthodox Policy Unit matters ever complained about a lack of concentration. Equally, any notion that she is some sort of left-winger is rejected with derision by those who work with her.

For four years, Lady Hogg was at the heart of affairs and her contribution was inextricably intertwined with the Government's performance. At present, that attracts more criticism than admiration, but this may change. There is a view, as easy to defend as it is unfashionable, that the Major Government's failures have been in politics and not in policy. The big initiatives — Maastricht, counter-inflation, Ulster — have gone as intended. It is only the presentation which has been lamentable.

Those who pick up this book in search of the large-scale vindication of John Major's record will be disappointed. It would have been far too early to attempt an assessment of the Major years. Any such volume, however weighty, would quickly have been overtaken by history; its weight would have turned to dust.

No such dangers attend this book, for it has no gravitas: the tone is as breathless as the events it describes. But by writing such a light chronicle, apparently as evanescent as the various panics it alludes to, the authors have made an enduring contribution to the literature of politics. No one has previously described the atmosphere of life in Downing Street in such intimate detail.

Many readers might assume that No 10's Georgian facade conceals an equally stately interior, in which grave and reverend figures conduct the gavotte of government. Not so. In modern times, No 10 has generally been staffed by a few bright, overworked youngsters, racing flat-out against deadlines, who transact great matters in a briskly informal manner. Jonathan Hill and Sarah Hogg capture that ambience perfectly.

They concentrate on electoral topics, but without ever slipping the leash of discretion. From Downing Street, it is only a seven-minute walk to Conservative Central Office in Smith Square. But at many stages since 1979, to both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, that distance seemed more like seven continents. This did not apply in 1983, which was not a real general election, but merely the political euthanasia of Michael Foot. In both 1987 and 1992, however, relations between No 10 and Smith Square came close to crisis. The authors give glimpses of this: at one stage, there was a passing hint of Sarah Hogg's quick temper. To those at the receiving end, it felt like rather more than a passing hint.

Not that the explosions were unjustified. The authors cannot restrain themselves from describing perhaps the most extraordinary incident during the entire election campaign, in which Andrew Lansley, until recently director of the Conservative Research Department (not named in the text), took it upon himself to make some last minute alterations in the Tory Manifesto. Nor was this just sub-editing: unwittingly, he and his staff were undoing linguistic compromises which had taken hours of inter-ministerial negotiations. When the news first reached Chris Patten, then party chairman, he was told that Hogg had made the changes. Lansley denies that he was to blame for the expensive pulping of the manifesto, but the resultant recriminations persisted right up to polling day.

There was a curious sequel. By the end of the campaign, Hogg was determined to ensure that Central Office received a thorough knocking into shape so that no future head of the Policy Unit would ever again have to go through such a fraught election. In the event, nothing happened. The reform of Central Office has had to wait until the arrival of Brian Mawhinney as party chairman, and the general election is now too close to allow fundamental changes to be made. It is almost certain that some of the tensions and errors in transmission of 1992 will repeat themselves during the next general election.

Anyone who is interested in politics will enjoy this book, and anyone who will have a role in the next Conservative election campaign should certainly buy it, if only to read about the mistakes which they are going to make.

Too long a sacrifice for Ulster's hearts of stone

Roy Foster

THE TROUBLES
Ireland's Ordeal
1966-1995 and the
Search for Peace
By Tim Pat Coogan
Hutchinson, £20

Where is Ireland? This question is prompted after plunging into the maelstrom of Tim Pat Coogan's hastily-written prose. Carried along on a current of emotion, one emerges drenched at the end, feeling a strange sense of absence. Disorientation is not induced merely by mis-spelt names, footnotes out of synchronisation, unexplained references: Coogan, as a veteran journalist, is determined to give the very latest update, and signs of haste (as well as historical howlers) are an inescapable complement. The slow shock comes in realising that one has read of "Ireland" as a country limited both in geographical and psychological spread: West Belfast, Derry, the fund-raising dining halls of New York and Boston, selective parts of Dáil Eireann and Merrion Street. By definition, the large part of the Republic for which 1966-95 was far from an "ordeal", and Protestant Northern Ireland (the irreducible problem), have been pushed offshore.

Coogan is ex-editor of the just-defunct Fianna Fail *Irish Press*, biographer of Collins and de Valera, sleuthing researcher, authority on the history of the IRA, friend to the Kennedys, luncher with Cabinet Ministers, habitué of Redemptorist monasteries and Republican drinking-clubs. His nationalist contacts are first-class. There is much in this book to savour, especially in his speculations — often thrown away with a superb flourish ("Would that I were free to reveal the name of the former British Secretary of State who thinks the troops should be withdrawn"). It will be read principally for its last chapter, dealing with the run-up to the ceasefire, and the spiral into the ominous present situation; and also, perhaps, for its intriguing material about undercover British operations. But the lengthy preceding chapters are indispensable to understanding the book as a whole.

These deal chronologically with the events of the late 1960s and early 1970s, and the descent into the abyss — correctly highlighting the infrastructure of anti-Catholic discrimination, the partiality of the Army, the ineptness of British politicians, the Canute-like posturings of the last Stormont satraps. From 1974 and the Sunningdale débacle, however, the timeframe changes, with the writing describing large repetitive loops, to bring out the themes and stress certain developments — notably that of the small group of Sinn Fein front-men who have now become household names in Ireland, and the altering balance in Irish-American politics. However, changes in conditions in North and South are not charted — nor those in British attitudes. One conflict remains static in front of frame: the confrontation between Irish Republicans and the British Army, backed by the British Government.

W.B. Yeats (right) with Lytton Strachey, from David Pierce's richly illustrated *Yeats's Worlds* (Yale, £30)

Much can thus be exposed (though it has often been demonstrated before): the unspeakable record of the paratroopers (shown compellingly in near-mutiny against their commanders), the mulish official attitude towards prisoners, miscarriages of justice in Britain as well as the North, the muddled connections between London, Belfast and Dublin. When official efforts to infuse a change of attitude are mentioned, they feature as propaganda — or window-dressing; British perfidy is blamed for everything, even a sinister leg injury sustained by John Hume at an SDLP fund-raising dance. (Given the antipathies within the pan-Nationalist alliance, as well as the occasion in question, if he was jabbed by a poisoned umbrella the assailant would have come from nearer home.) The Stalker and Stevens investigations have certainly indicated a seamy underside of collusion, and the record of "peacekeeping" is pretty chequered: but (as with Coogan's treatment of the Diplock courts) it is impossible to understand why things went so badly wrong unless the whole context of sectarian hatred and intimidation is discussed first. The perspective on the years of "ordeal" would then be somewhat altered.

The heroes of the story are Sinn Fein and the IRA: humorous, intelligent, straightforward, devout observants of church sacraments and politically-correct gender-balancing, and providers of "the cheapest and most efficient taxi-service in Belfast" ("the constant black propaganda about drug trafficking can be discounted"). The question of whether conditions in the province since the early 1970s left no alternative to terrorism is evaded; particular atrocities are dealt with by the circular argument that, since the movement's "support" survived horrors like the Enniskillen bombing, it is strong enough to legitimise such actions in the first place. The strategy behind every attack perpetrated on civilians is explained from the Republican view, with much deployment of sanitised language. The IRA "kill" people, whereas Protestant terrorists "murder" them; Mountbatten "died as a result of an explosion in his fishing-boat"; the assassinated British Ambassador Christopher Ewart-Biggs was "allegedly an MI6 agent"; the IRA are referred to — vis-à-vis the British Government — as "the Irish side".

But where, again, is Ireland? For Coogan, it is certainly not located among what he scathingly refers to as "Dublin's drawing-room Left", nor *a fortiori* among the "leaders of Six County society". This book is valuable in giving an inside view of the difference made by Albert Reynolds and John Major to mounting an initiative in Northern Ireland. Perhaps even more useful, because much less familiar, is Coogan's sensitive unravelling of the different strands in Irish-American opinion, and the ways in which influence was brought to bear on the Clinton machine. But Unionism is personified by Ian Paisley at his most baroque; while the moderate Official Unionist Ken Maginnis is oddly described as "an ex-B Special". Southern politicians might more readily see Maginnis as one of the few Unionists prepared to come to Dublin and debate national identities, and as a valuable contributor to open discussions between the two traditions: but this is not relevant to the Manichean scheme mapped by this book. Significantly, Coogan condemns Maginnis's appearance on an American chat show with Adams as a "spoiling" tactic masterminded by a "petulant" British government; I should have thought it rather a sign of hope. In fact, the Unionist position is not discussed until page 359.

By then, the reader's breath is held for the *dénouement*: the deliverance of "Ireland" from British domination, a consummation prevented only by the condescending obtuseness of British Ministers, the political vulnerability of John Major's parliamentary position, and a last redoubt of Protestant bigots who fail to see the objective advantages of assumption into all-Ireland. Of course, all these obstacles exist. But there are larger ones. Intentionally or not, Coogan clarifies the definitively Catholic nature of the Republican faith; but he does not confront the implications of sectarian deadlock.

Moreover, he ignores two contributing factors to the ceasefire: the realisation among Sinn Fein strategists that old-style nationalism no longer carries its traditional charge in the Republic; and an accompanying recognition that Unionism in the North will not automatically disappear if and when the British Army withdraws. In this realism may lie the beginnings of a new scenario; it is devoutly hoped for by those of us who firmly supported John Hume's *démarche* in working with Gerry Adams — and continue to do so. It would be much easier if "Ireland" stopped at Coogan's borders, if Sinn Fein represented a majority in Northern Ireland, and if a million Unionists did not exist; but this racy but dangerously complacent book charts only one-third of an iceberg.

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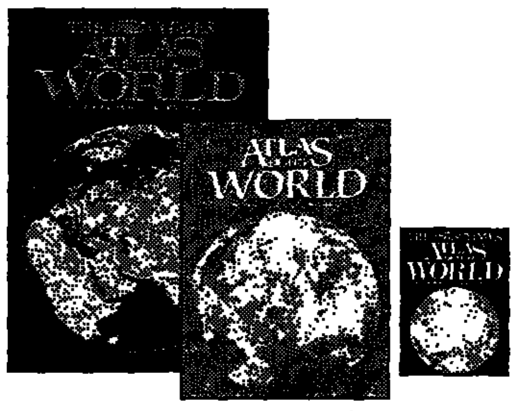

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■ FILM 1

Terence Davies loses his magic as he moves from Liverpool to the American South for *The Neon Bible*

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A beautiful alien terrorises Los Angeles in Roger Donaldson's ugly and unpleasant movie, *Species*

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Sam Peckinpah's legendary western, *The Wild Bunch*, still packs a powerful punch, 25 years later

■ VISUAL ART

Still going strong at 97: the artistic phenomenon that is Hans Feibusch is revealed in a touring exhibition

Davies treads water across the pond

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** sees British director Terence Davies bring his skill, but not his magic, to bear on his first American feature, *The Neon Bible*

The Neon Bible
Lumiere, 15, 92 mins
Terence Davies lost in America's Bible Belt

Species
Plaza, 18, 109 mins
Nasty, flat-footed creature feature

The Wild Bunch
MGM Shaftesbury Ave
18, 145 mins
Peckinpah's western classic

Nightwatch
Metro, 18, 104 mins
Polished and lurid Danish thriller

Although Terence Davies's admiration for Doris Day and American film musicals is well known, eyebrows shot up at the news that the anguished director of *Distant Voices, Still Lives* was turning away from his Liverpool childhood to adapt an American novel, set in the Deep South of the 1940s. How would he survive?

In some ways we need not have worried. In **The Neon Bible**, Davies simply gives his childhood an ocean voyage, shifts it back a decade or two, and plonks it down in Georgia.

Watching this strange, infuriating film, you can tick items off the Davies checklist. A lonely, sensitive boy. A violent father. Nurturing women. Suffocating religion. The liberating power of movies and popular song. The power and pain of memories. Davies did not have to distort John Kennedy Toole's novel to find these themes; they lie on the surface of the remarkable pages written in the early 1950s, when the author of *A Confederacy of Dunces* was 16, but published in 1989, 20 years after his suicide.

Toole's brief but potent narrative concerns David, a boy growing up in a Bible Belt town prey to visiting evangelists offering salvation under the sign of a neon Bible. But David, portrayed as a teenager by the skilful young Canadian actor Jacob Tierney, falls under another influence: his aunt Mae, a flamboyant nightclub singer played by Gena Rowlands. The Second World War kills his brutal father (Denis Leary) and helps to unhinge his mother (Diana Scarwid). In between the moments of high drama, Davies weaves his usual community texture: dances, visits to the cinema, radio snippets, and Tara's theme from *Gone With the Wind* played on the soundtrack as the camera inches closer to a bedsheet hung on a clothesline.

This last effect should be magical: Davies's gliding camera has entranced so often before. But the magic fails. For, somewhere en route to the Georgia locations, Davies's visual style has set hard and lost some of its poetry. Maybe the strain of the transatlantic journey was too much. Maybe the production team, mostly veterans of Davies's recent films, stared too long at their research material: Andrew Wyeth paintings, photographs by Walker Evans and Dorothea Lange.

Whatever the reason, you feel a lack of spontaneity. Style dominates content. The eyes tire of symmetrical shots, with a window or doorway in the centre, framing the characters. So many faces, speaking straight to camera, give scenes a static, over-deliberate feel. Rowlands, used to the brouhaha of John Cassevetes's films, must have felt particularly imprisoned.

Not everything is bleak. There is one astonishing moment on a veranda under the stars where the 10-year-old hero elongates into his 15-year-old equivalent through the miracle of morphing: the cinema's best advertisement yet for digital technology. And only Davies could savour without any sentimentality the gesture of a hand reaching to touch the moon. But by and large, disappointingly, this is a film you watch from a distance. You observe the film-maker's effort, but never share the characters' pain.

Species, by comparison, should have audiences squirming at the chewed corpses and other debris which the beautiful alien heroine leaves in her wake as she trips round Los Angeles seeking a mate. Roger Donaldson's unpleasant film flirts with intriguing ideas from time to time, but keeps its full energies in reserve for the gory special effects.

Only the best talent is used. H.R. Giger, the artist who dreamt up the creature for *Alien*, was hired to design the heroine, named Sil, offspring of an unwise DNA cocktail prepared with advice from outer space. To bring the form-changing lady to life, visual effects supervisor Richard Edlund used the latest developments in puppetry, cyberspace and computer technology. A human performer is also involved: one Natasha Henstridge, usually found advertising perfume or posing for fashion magazines. Now she comes covered with claws, worms and mutating flesh; and every detail glistens.

But if the technical effects are super-smooth, the script hobbles on crutches. "Something bad happened here!" psychic Forest Whitaker announces, staring at a train compartment throbbing with alien tissue. Plotting matches the flat-footed dialogue, as scientist Ben Kingsley's absurd band of experts — including former Marine Michael Madsen and Harvard anthropologist Alfred Molina — embark on their seek and destroy mission. They are always a corpse or two behind, and are easily frightened by drunks or squirrels.

Sil's urge to mate adds to the nasty taste. Since Kingsley's secret experiment in the Utah desert created the predator, he is in some senses Sil's father: if the script had pursued that notion further, her urge to procreate might have seemed more meaningful. As matters stand, the sexual couplings remain cheap thrills in an ugly film that wastes technical finesse on a tawdry imagination. No sequel, thank you.

The passing of time can have strange effects on a film. Watching Sam Peckinpah's legendary western **The Wild Bunch** 25 years after its first unveiling, your eyes are snared by the oddest things. The blood, for instance: not so much the amount that pours from Peckinpah's outlaws, much commented upon at the time, but the consistency. Today's movie blood looks like blood; these squirts look like red paint. Then the cut of a girl's face, hair parted in the middle, suddenly leaps out from a scene: a face that shouts 1969, the year of production, not 1913, the year when William Holden's gang tangle with Mexican revolutionaries and try to pull the last big theft that will see them into retirement.

Time also brings a new perspective to Peckinpah's stylistic tics. The slow-motion treatment of falling bodies, so quickly copied and parodied by others, survives as a valid expressive tool. Compared to the carnage films offer now, Peckinpah's violence is shapely, to the point, a necessary part of the director's bleak vision of the old West's demise. Zoom shots are another matter. As the camera lunges forward and back from some face or prop, you are less aware of any dramatic benefit than you are of feeling seasick.

Not that this is precisely the film of old. We are presented with the "director's cut". Six scenes totalling ten minutes, shaved off by Warner Bros shortly after the film first opened, have been put back. Restorers have also been working on the colour densities and soundtrack, home to Jerry Fielding's rich, Mexican-flavoured score. The "new" scenes are too brief to make a substantial difference, although flashbacks shed useful light on the bonds between Holden, his reluctant pursuer Robert Ryan and their rag-tag companions.

Essentially, though, *The Wild Bunch* remains what it always was: a towering western with slow patches, some undue pretensions, superbly orchestrated action pieces like the hijacking of an ammunition train, and a biting portrait of ageing outlaws in a changing world, going out with a bang.

Nightwatch, a Danish thriller that topped the local box-office charts, rounds off the week with some deliberately provoking sights. Sexual activity in a morgue after dark. A serial killer murdering and scalping prostitutes. A student puking into a baptismal font. Lovely.

At least Ole Bornedal, the writer and director, plays the genre game with panache. Marooned in his basement, Nikolaj Waldau, as the law student hero who gets a job as morgue nightwatchman, soon falls prey to strange sounds and fears. A trapped insect flutters inside a light fixture. Some corpses refuse to stay horizontal. To make matters merrier, the finger of suspicion is pointing his way in the serial killer case.

Bornedal navigates through the twists, the red herrings, the moments of sadism and flashes of nudity, with a cool, careful camera eye. For a first feature the film shows promise: but it is never anything but exploitation fodder with a few classy trimmings.

Gena Rowlands does her best as the flamboyant nightclub singer Aunt Mae in Terence Davies's stylised and sterile reworking of John Kennedy Tool's *The Neon Bible*

John Russell Taylor hails an artist still active at 97

Faith goes to the walls

At the very least, Hans Feibusch is a phenomenon. Still active at 97 and planning new projects which should take him well past his centenary, he is a survivor — apparently now the only survivor — of the generation of German artists who were pilloried in the infamous "Degenerate Art" exhibition staged by the Nazis in 1937, and was one of the first wave of anti-Nazi immigrants who arrived in Britain in 1933.

But this is not the real point of *The Heat of Vision*, the extensive retrospective which has begun its tour in Chichester. The show does not showcase an historical relic so much as reacquaint us with a powerful and distinctive artist who has as much to say today as he ever had. Why Chichester? Because there are already key examples of his art in Chichester Cathedral, and because Bishop Bell of Chichester had a significance in his life far beyond that of offering him an important mural commission early on. It was largely through the Bishop's personality and example that Feibusch, born and brought up in a liberal Jewish tradition, eventually entered the Anglican church.

A central strand in Feibusch's career has been the making of murals, about which he has also written an influential book. And the vital part of his mural activity has been specifically Christian, in churches up and down the country.

Two years ago he had just decided that he had painted his last mural when the Bishopsgate bomb in the City of London destroyed the church of St Ethelburga, but he contacted the church authorities to say that if the church should ever be rebuilt, he was eager to re-do the mural he had painted there in 1962. And, he added, he would do it better this time.

In an age when church art has all too often been anaemic and non-committal, Feibusch's stands out for the decisiveness of its conviction, the strength of its dramatic feeling. Part of the present exhibition, including studies and sketches for his Chichester mural and thematically related work, is actually in the Cathedral, cutting through the gloom of a dark and rainy day with the brilliance of its colours and the directness and power of its draughtsmanship.

As with so much of his work, the word "theatrical" springs to mind, but not in any derogatory sense. The impression has more to do with Feibusch's unerring choice of the crucial moment in the drama of any story he chooses to tell pictorially, and the dynamism of his compositions. This is as true of the works of his nineties, such as *Moses and the Burning Bush* (1990) and *Christ in the Wilderness* (1992) as in those of his thirties with which the exhibition starts.

Throughout the past 60 years and more the style has been remarkably consistent, but broadening and gaining in power as time has gone by. All the same, the retrospective brings its surprises. Even those who know Feibusch's work well will probably not be familiar, for instance, with the dazzlingly immediate paintings and drawings of animals he did in London Zoo in the mid-1930s, or his splendidly particular portrait drawings of his wife and mother in the 1940s. There is also running through his work, right from the earliest mythological drawings in the show, a strain of whimsical humour which keeps the points of high mystical intensity in proportion.

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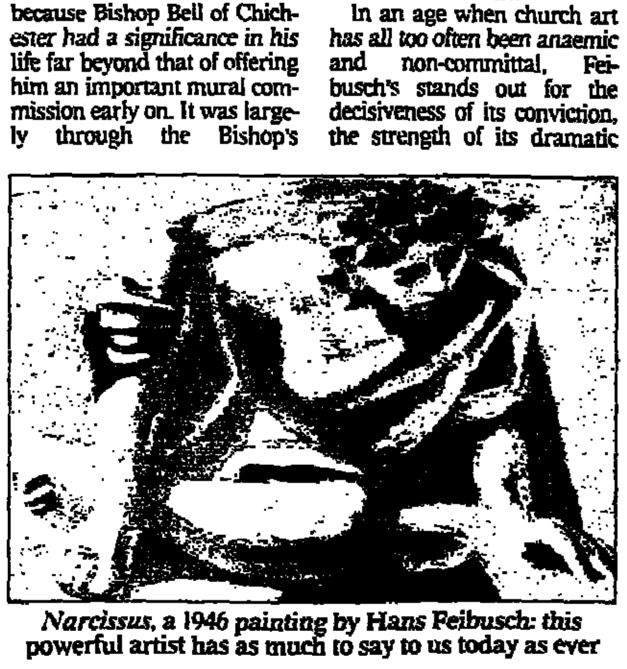

Narcissus, a 1946 painting by Hans Feibusch: this powerful artist has as much to say to us today as ever

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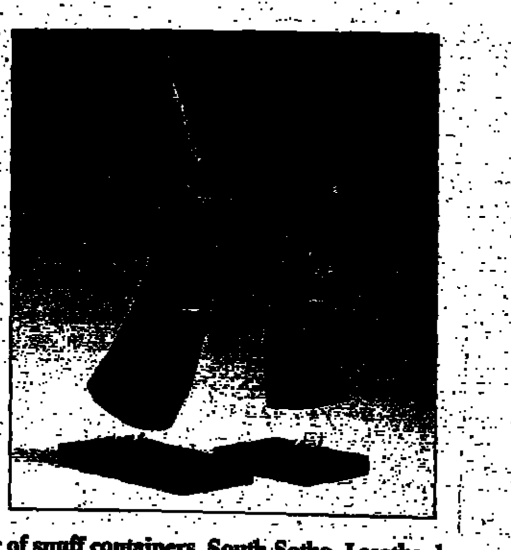

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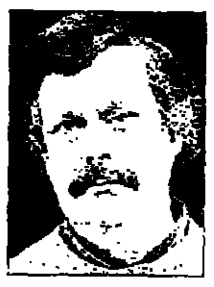

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Here's looking at Stephen, Bogie's kid

Stephen Humphrey Bogart has come out of the closet. The son of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall has spent most of his life lying low. Sometimes, when strangers have asked if he was Bogie's boy, he has even denied the connection. He knows less about the films than any half-serious Bogie buff, and has still seen "only the good ones". He never courted the attention he might gain from being the child of a legendary marriage. His friends knew that if they tried to discuss his father "they wouldn't be my friends". At the time his father died of lung cancer, when Stephen was eight, he found the constant cameras — at the funeral, as he stepped off planes or showed up at school — a reminder of his loss. "'He's not here', they said. 'He died', 'He died'." And since then his father's fame has been a burden, making it harder for him than it is for most people "to forge my own identity".

Now, at 46, about the age his father was in *The Big Sleep* and a few years younger than Bogie was when his son was born, Stephen Bogart has embarked on what he calls "a second life". He has become a writer. His first two books are a murder mystery called *Play It Again* (published by Pan) and a biography, *Bogart: In Search of My Father* (Sidgwick & Jackson): not exactly projects that deny his father and refuse the name. The books, and a two-month publicity tour, have advertised his parentage across America and Europe. Queues of fans at book signings have had the chance to meet him face to face and thrill at the combination of Bogart's mouth (though that long upper lip is scarless) and Bacall's blue eyes. (He claims no one has ever identified a likeness to his father in the street, but he'd do as well not to go out in a certain kind of mac and hat. Especially not smoking a cigarette: he smokes exactly like his father.)

He was prompted, he said, to acknowledge and publicise his origins by his own parenthood. Partly because having children made him feel the need to know about his own father — "not because he was Humphrey Bogart, but because he was my father" — and also, he admits, with the kind of straight-talking candour associated with Bogie, partly because having children makes you need the cash for college fees. He worked for 17 years as a television producer, a good job, but one that didn't make him rich: "in television they give you a 3 per cent rise every year". Publishers' advances offered something he could put away for his kids, and writing allowed him to give up commuting and see more of them.

Although he and his younger sister Leslie have the right to the use of their father's name and image, this is their only source of income from Bogie. The films (he made 75) are owned by others. But more than the money, says Stephen, "it was just time. You get to the point where you deal with the things from the past in order to get on with the future."

> ❛I was down one father, one school, one house, dozens of friends and an entire state and country❜

He was encouraged by his (second) wife, Barbara, whom he met when they were both in recovery from drug addiction, and he believed it wasn't healthy to distance yourself from your father. He lives quietly with Barbara and his younger children, Richard (ten) and Brooke (six), in a small town in Connecticut, where the police are called when unknown cars containing prurient photographers lurk at the end of his drive. (He also has a 25-year-old son, Jamie, from his first marriage.)

He plays golf with his close friends, and coaches Little League baseball at his kids' school. It is a happy life, and, importantly, it is his own, his chosen milieu very different from the Hollywood of his early childhood, where his playmates were the likes of Liza Minnelli and Tina Sinatra, and his parents hung out in the "butternut" room of their Beverly Hills mansion with Garland, Sinatra, Tracy, Hepburn and Huston.

The transition from that world to his current one was painful, as his book records. His disturbed behaviour on the death of his father caused his dismissal from his (distressingly insensitive) school, where all his friends went. His mother sold their house and, trying to build an independent career, moved her family to London for a year, and then to New York, never returning to live in California. These circumstances compounded Stephen's sense of loss: "Now I was down one father, one school, one house, dozens of friends and an entire state and country." His mother now believes, he says, that she "made mistakes".

Bogart's biography is really about his grief, and about the oppressive legacy of a legend. The book is also about what fatherhood means or meant — to Bogie, to Stephen and in general. American publicity has inferred from the biography that Bogie was a bad father, because he was evidently rather mystified by his kids. But that isn't his son's view. "He was just a late father. He started to be a better father as I got older. I guess he just couldn't deal with babies . . . but as I got older we started to come together more. There were little things. I could swim and go on the boat [the *Santana* — apart from Bacall, the love of Bogie's life] with him. Just as we started to get together he got sick, and then he died." Bogie would have been with him more at the beginning, Stephen believes, "if he had known he was going to die".

What Stephen Bogart learnt about his father was favourable. "He was a good person. He had a good sense of humour. He would have been a fun guy to be around. He was smart. He liked to party with people. And he thought being an actor meant you were more famous and richer than other people but you weren't better than them." He also learnt how he took after his father. Not least, he says, like him he "loves to argue". It is also apparent to observers that the younger Bogart is down to earth and unpretentious. And Bogie famously couldn't stand phonies.

SIMON WALKER

Stephen Bogart's parents hung out with Garland, Sinatra and Hepburn: building a normal life was painful

Stephen's novel *Play It Again* (the first of a series), was written, he claims, out of his own enthusiasm for the genre and, with touching ingenuousness, he says he "never expected to get it published". The hero happens to have a filmstar mother who is murdered. "It's not meant to be my mother, but she would disagree." The book also underlines the connection with his father — and not simply because of the title, which he went along with, even though it's a misquotation, at the publisher's suggestion, "to get it noticed", though he resisted the idea of giving subsequent books Bogart-associated titles (his next novel, now nearly finished, is simply called *The Sequel*).

But the detective hero of *Play It Again* is very like Sam Spade, hard-boiled but moral. Stephen says this character is himself. Meanwhile he concludes in the biography that Bogie's popularity has endured largely because he resembled the parts he played. So Stephen writes novels based on himself that remind one of his father. It proves they are alike.

● Bogart: In search of My Father *is published by Sidgwick & Jackson*

DANCE

Twist and shout

Ghana Dance Ensemble
Sadler's Wells

WE BRITONS are unlikely to dance as an act of religious worship or as a greeting to a long-absent relative, but a West African might, even today. Traditionally, dance in Africa is an important social activity that binds together different parts of daily life. In recent years, though, it has had to adapt to the proscenium stage and find a contemporary relevance away from the timeless routine of rural hinterlands.

The Ghana Dance Ensemble, appearing at Sadler's Wells under the auspices of the *Africa 95* celebration, has beautifully updated its idiom in *Solma*, so that you see entirely appropriate connections with breakdance, disco dance, the Twist even.

Solma (To Tell a Story), a creative collaboration between the company's director Francis Nii-Yartey and the French choreographer Jean-Francois Duroure, is part of a double bill. A flabby survey of urban dispossession with an optimistic ending suggesting harmonious affluence under a new political regime, *Solma* seems determined to smother its dramatic points and meaning. Yet the incredible, sustained energy of the performance offers ample compensation.

Better told is *The King's Dilemma* (by Nii-Yartey), an amusing legend about a village terrorised by a wild beast and an incompetent king, who is booted out by his female subjects. The dancers, in a mass of gorgeous, bright folkloric costumes, sing as well as dance. Like other ancient cultures, the Ghanaians do not cordon off art forms.

African dance means rhythm. The six drummers on stage build complex edifices of percussion. The dancers fragment their bodies into tiny convulsive segments as if charged by a mesh of internal electrical filaments. Arms flash out zig-zag contours, torsos pulsate, feet stamp. These Ghanaians are the most likeable and handsome people currently in London.

NADINE MEISNER

LONDON CONCERTS: A Dane fails to bring home the bacon; Vaughan Williams cycle concludes; Tavener premiere

Grace without favour

A chill rippled through the Festival Hall on Tuesday — more seats were empty than filled for an evening of Nordic music-making. And ideas, both in the composing and in the interpreting, were even thinner on the ground.

The evening's *raison d'être* was the first performance of a Concerto for Piano and Orchestra by the Danish composer **Poul Ruders**, commissioned by the South Bank Centre for Rolf Hind and the London Philharmonic. The work, says Ruders, forms the third part of a trilogy, which progresses from the lyrical Cello Concerto, through the "passionate intimacy" of the Viola Concerto (premiered at this year's Proms), and on to the "gracious classicism" of this new Piano Concerto.

The work is "classical" in that it has three movements in conventional order; and "gracious" in that it does not offend. But it does not inspire either, and when Ruders describes the first movement as "simplistic music", he speaks more truly than he knows. Phrases meander between piano and strings and, as the textural and dynamic temperature is raised, purpose and design become more and more amorphous.

In the slow movement, piano and orchestra live entirely separate lives — and seem somewhat bored with each other. Hind could, perhaps, have argued the piano's case more persuasively here, but its gaping and inconsequential melodic contours, arching over slow-moving orchestral strata, seemed void of either expressive or architectural purpose.

The Ruders was flanked by Sibelius. Unlike the introductory *Finlandia*, the Symphony No 1 was played well enough. But there was a sense of the orchestra leading and the conductor, Franz Welser-Möst, only following in this score-bound reading. The first movement seemed laboured and episodic; the second just too slow; and the scherzo and finale rhythmically slack. With an abundance of superb Sibelius cycles ringing in our ears at the moment, this simply will not do.

HILARY FINCH

Sound of freedom and aid

The final Barbican instalment of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's complete cycle of **Vaughan Williams** symphonies — the first ever, as the only previous attempt was made when the composer still had three to write — encompassed music spanning almost half a century.

Appropriately, the programme included the Ninth Symphony (1958), Vaughan Williams's last, but it was a pity that his unearthly farewell was not placed at the end; the second, *A London Symphony* (1914), rounded off the series instead.

Of course, good programming demands variety and contrast, but on several occasions during this cycle it seemed that a chronological survey might have revealed more of the composer's development as a symphonist.

The Ninth may not be a great symphony, but it is a darkly impressive work often underrated. New sonorities (saxophone, flugelhorn) are used to evoke an unmistakable journey's end, and Richard Hickox caught the work's vigour. The players were on fine form, more inspired than they appeared in the middle concerts of the series.

Their haunting account of the *London Symphony's* slow movement was the highlight of the evening's second half. Perhaps the rest of the work suffers from too many ideas crowding its picture of bustling London life, but Hickox (an unsubtle conductor never likely to miss a good effect) gave a robust performance and reminded us that it was with this work that Vaughan Williams cut English symphonic music free from German tradition.

Once again, the issue of Vaughan Williams's symphonic achievement was clouded by the inclusion in the programme of a more concentrated masterpiece — his 1938 *Serenade to Music*, given with radiant sensuality by the orchestra and 16 of this country's leading singers all donating their services — and all deserving of mention that space does not permit.

For a composer who derives most of his inspiration from Orthodox Christianity, **John Tavener** has established an unholy alliance with the Anglican Church. Only last weekend, his cantata *Let's Begin Again* was premiered in Norwich Cathedral, and Tuesday at Westminster Abbey saw the first performance of his latest opus, *Innocence*.

Dedicated to Mia Farrow, it was given here in a good cause, part of a concert entitled "Music for Innocent Victims" in aid of the Rosanna Hospital in Kurdistan.

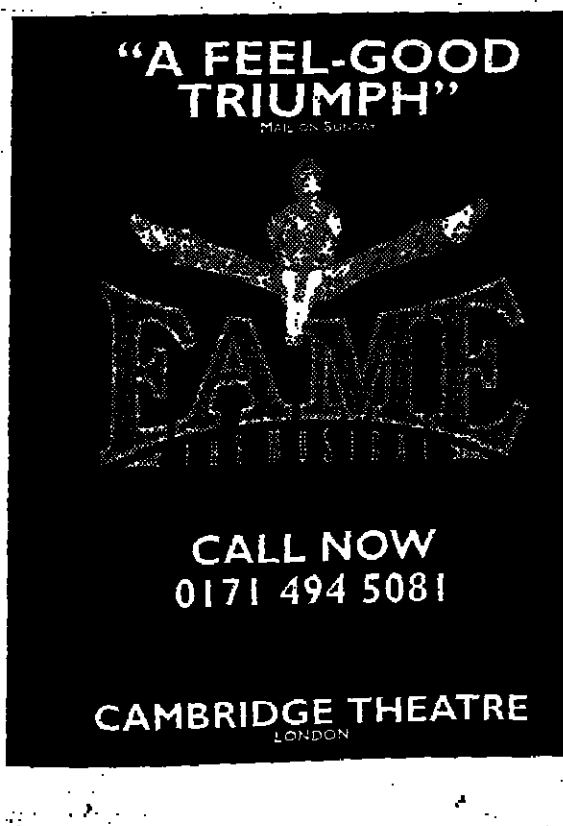
Innocence has all the usual Tavener hallmarks, beginning with slowly shifting sonorities suggestive of religious fervour. It incorporates Jewish, Christian, Islamic and Hindu texts in a sequence of ritualistic patterns. The effect of the few striking ideas — exciting, apocalyptic flashes on the organ, for instance — is reduced by their endless repetition, but even by Tavener's standards there is a poverty of musical invention here.

Innocence is a "spatial" piece which at times calls for its forces — including the Westminster Abbey Choir, BBC Singers, solo cello, vocal soloists and bells — to be stationed apart, and Martin Neary, the Abbey's Organist and Master of the Choristers, controlled them efficiently. The soprano Patricia Rozario and cellist Alice Neary made telling solo contributions, but both found better scope for their talents elsewhere.

Miss Neary — lest nepotism be suspected — is a fine cellist, who with the pianist Gretel Dowdeswell caught beautifully the calm essence of the fifth movement from Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*.

Rozario sang vibrantly the soaring solo lines of Tippett's *Child of our Time* spirituals, which also found the BBC Singers on excellent form. Indeed, this choir's musical delivery and variety of tone highlighted the generalised dreariness of the Kirbye, Tallis, Tomkins, Purcell and Tavener contributions by the Abbey choristers.

JOHN ALLISON



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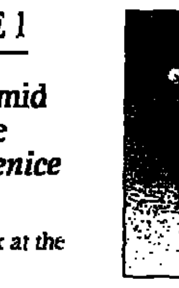
■ CHOICE 1

Ian McDiarmid directs a rare staging of *Venice Preserved*

VENUE: *All week at the* Almeida Theatre



■ CHOICE 2

Mark Elder takes the Scottish National Orchestra out on tour

VENUE: *Tonight at the* City Hall, Perth

THE TIMES ARTS

■ THEATRE 1

The plot may creak but there are still things to enjoy in Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller, *Gaslight*

■ THEATRE 2

With *Rosie Blitz*, Richard Pinner has written a touching and probing play about children in wartime Britain

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

VENICE PRESERVED: First night of previews for Otway's rarely seen tragedy *of love and friendship stifled in decaying 17th-century Venice. Ian McDiarmid directs a strong cast*
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). *Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm* Opens Oct 16, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

SILVER FROM SAN LORENZO: More than 100 pieces from the renowned Silversmiths Studio of San Lorenzo, Milan, go on display today. A real treat for admirers of the silversmith's skill, as the company revolutionised European silver design by commissioning *distinguished modern architects*, industrial, interior and graphic designers
Victoria and Albert Museum, Design Now, 20th-Century Gallery, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8500) Mon, 12noon-6pm, Tue-Sun, 10am-6pm Ⓢ

A PATRIOT FOR ME: In a change to *the published schedule, Friday will be* the first night of previews for John *Osborne's play. James Wilby plays the* glum Austro-Hungarian officer trapped by his homosexuality into betraying his emperor. A sly exposé of Establishment folly, directed by Peter Gill
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tomorrow-Tue, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. *Opens Oct 16, 7pm. Then in rep* Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BATH: A starry cast led by Honor *Blackman, Dora Bryan, Abigail McKern* and Ian Carmichael take Sheridan's *captivating* ***The School for Scandal*** on the road from Chichester. Richard Cottrell directs, with a combination of 18th-century fittings and tattered clips from late 20th-century newspapers.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (01225 448 844) Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

MANCHESTER: Opening day for the **Boddingtons Manchester Festival**, celebrating popular culture in all its diverse forms. *Musical highlights include* Celine Dion, Julian Joseph, Japan's *Wadaiko Ichiro Drummers, Loudon* Wainwright III, and Joan Baez, while *Reeves and Mortimer, Ken Campbell,* Alexei Sayle and Hattie Hayridge are part of the comedy lineup. South Africa's Junction Avenue Company open the theatre celebrations with *Marabi*, Bill Bryson's *Lost Continent* and Northern Broadsides's *Antony and Cleopatra* are names to watch out for
Hotline (0161-242 2572). Until Oct 29.

PERTH: English National Opera's former music director, Mark Elder, leads the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra** for a stirring mini whistle-stop tour. Mark Kaplan joins them for Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1, in a programme that includes works by Dvorak, Janacek and Rachmaninov
City Hall Ⓢ *(01738 621031), tonight,* 7.30pm, then Fri, **Edinburgh**, Usher Hall Ⓢ *(0131-228 1155) and Sat,* ***Glasgow***, Royal Concert Hall Ⓢ (0141-227 5511).

SHEFFIELD: A three-day feast of Tchaikovsky is on offer as the ***St Petersburg Philharmonic*** continues its UK tour. Yuri Temirkanov *conducts with his usual elegance and grace.*
City Hall, Barkers Pool (0114-272 2885). Tonight and Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 7pm Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Ainscough Gallery: John Hetherington's furniture, paintings by Fiona Moate (0171-834 7309) . . **Barbican**: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: *Hellenistic World*: Art and Culture (0171-636 1555) . . **National Gallery**: *Three Paintings by Piero di Cosimo* (0171-747 2885) . . **National Portrait Gallery**: BP Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy**: Africa, Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . **Serpentine**: Big City Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) . . **Tate**: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ *Seats at all prices*

☐ **COMMUNICATING DOORS**: *Alan Ayckbourn's ingenious time-travel play* Julia McKenzie flees from a vengeful enemy via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back a decade
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5530) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, *mats Wed and Sat, 3pm*

☐ **DEAD FUNNY**: Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

■ ***EDDIE IZZARD***: *The quirky* comedian returns for another season of *surreal musings on life*
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399). *Opens tonight, 7pm* Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **FUNNY MONEY**: Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase and finds himself richer by £735,000 in used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc *involves Sylvia Sims, Henry McGee and* Charlie Drake.
Playhouse, *Northumberland Avenue*, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE**: Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola *McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent* as daughter and son-in-law in Frank *Hauser's acclaimed production from* Chichester
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE HOTHOUSE**: Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie, John Shrapnel and Pinter himself in his long-buried play in which the staff of a mental hospital scheme for dominance
Comedy, *Panton Street, SW1* (0171-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.*

◩ **JELLY ROLL!**: Likeable celebration of the life and music of Jelly Roll Morton. Vernel Bagneris plays the man, Morten Gunnar Larsen plays the piano
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, *E15 (0181-534 0310) Tonight-Sat, 8pm* Final week. Ⓢ

☐ **THE MASTER BUILDER**: Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and new young actress-to-watch Victoria Hamilton, in Ibsen's male menopause drama. Peter *Hall directs*
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 *(0171-930 8800) Now previewing,* 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

■ **SKYLIGHT**: Michael Gambon and Lia Williams play social riser and social worker attacking one another's values in David Hare's gripping, up-to-the-minute drama. Richard Eyre directs
National, *(Cottesloe)*, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; *mat Sat, 2.30pm* Ⓢ

◩ **THE STEWARD OF CHRISTENDOM**: Sebastian Barry's fine and moving memory-play. Donald *McCann outstanding as the ex-chief of Dublin's police in the last years of British rule. Possibly the best play of* 1995.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

☐ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith returns, this time with Sara *Kestelman and Samantha Bond, in* Edward Albee's fascinating play about *the adoptive mother who withered his* childhood. Anthony Page directs
Wyndhams, *Charing Cross Road,* WC2 (0171-369 1736) Tue-Sat, 8pm mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **WHAT A SHOW!**: Musical spectacular revolving around Tommy Steele, who sings, dances, grins and *remembers the old days*
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 *(0171-8393 5987) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats* Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas and Julianne Moore. *Director, Richard Donner*
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) ***Trocadero*** Ⓢ *(0171-434 0031)* **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM *(15)*: Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War *drama, with Ian Hart and Rosana* Pastor
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

MY FAMILY *(14): Handsome but* shallow saga of a Mexican family in Los Angeles, with Jimmy Smits and Esai Morales. Director, Gregory Nava.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril. Director, Irwin Winkler
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

POCAHONTAS (U): Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*. With the voices of Mel Gibson and Irene Bedard
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris, director, Ron Howard
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) ***Odeons: Kensington*** *(01426 914666)* **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ *(0171-792 3332)*

THE BIG SLEEP (PG): Classic 1940s thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall; director, Howard Hawks.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ ***THE BRIDGES OF MADISON*** **COUNTY** (12): Best-selling romantic *tosh given the kid-glove treatment by* director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars *with Meryl Streep.*
MGMs: Fulham Rd (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker St** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **CARRINGTON** (18): Stumbling *account of an odd Bloomsbury* romance, dominated by Jonathan Pryce's Lytton Strachey. With Emma Thompson as the painter Dora Carrington
Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ *(0171-370 2636)* **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) ***Screen/Hill*** Ⓢ *(0171-435 3366)*

THE CITY OF LOST CHILDREN (15): Indigestible fantasy from Jeunet and Caro, the *Delicatessen* duo, crammed with digital effects, low on tension
MGMs: Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) ***Tottenham Court Road*** (0171-636 6148) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12): Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy
MGMs: Baker St *(0171-935 9772)* **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: *Kensington*** *(01426 914666)* **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ ***WATERWORLD***: *Acquatic folly with* spectacular action but not enough *script. With Kevin Costner, Dennis* Hopper and Jeanne Tripplehorn
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234)

◆ ***WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING*** (PG): Sandra Bullock poses as the *fiancée of a comatose hunk. Agreeable* vehicle for a refreshing new star. With Bill Pullman and Peter Gallagher. Director, Jon Turteltaub
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

Thrills, but no surprises

Gaslight
Richmond Theatre

The drawing-room lamps dim spookily. Footsteps are heard overhead. Household objects keep going missing or being moved. Bella Manningham (Jane How) is going round the bend, as did *her late mother, or so it seems.* Bella's masterful husband Jack (Tristan Gemmill), who *has just gone out after* a quarrel that has left Bella exhausted, is creeping closer to certifying her every day.

The plot of Patrick Hamilton's *classic thriller, set in* Victorian London, can be heard creaking in this touring revival by Keith Baxter. Bella's brain really must be deteriorating if she cannot guess who is thudding about on the out-of-bounds floor above whenev*er her husband nips out.*

Still, Hamilton's dramatisation of wife-bullying has *some bite, and psychological* analysis is invited by the implicit dream-scenario of Bella, a weakly suffering woman, encountering a benign, no-messing male figure — Detective Inspector Rough (Frank Finlay) — who puts two and *two together.*

Baxter, who also directed the recent West End revival of *Hamilton's Rope, does* engineer some enjoyable tension. Rough's overcoat is teasingly left on the armchair, unhidden, as Jack approaches the door. *Bill Bray's lurid* yellow streetlight, bursting through the blinds, has a *sickly* power, *even if the edgy* music is laid on with a trowel.

Finlay is fine as jolly old *Justice Incarnate, initially* hovering, with his silver hair and bushy black brows, between a *wicked intruder* and a nice gnome. His Rough is a tad classy but has bluff humour. *How does her best with* Bella, but is almost unbelievably mature for such a cowed ingenue.

Inversely Gemmill, in his wing collar, could *still* be a beastly school prefect. Still, shirt off, his bullish torso is heftily threatening. The trouble is that his crashingly obvious ruses with those household objects and his in-your-face malice leave no *room for the initial doubt that* his wife is really losing her marbles.

Still, Richmond Theatre, where *Gaslight* premiered in 1938, adds melodramatic atmosphere with its own swirling banisters, red velvet and closely encircling auditorium.

Meanwhile, in the Manningham's drawing *room, the wallpaper is mottled* with damp, suggesting we are seeing apparitions from a past *era in an old house. This adds* a layer of potentially overheated imagination — our own. Or it *might* leave one wondering at Mr Manningham. If he rigorously *grills* his maids when a single painting is out of place, why has he not murdered his interior decorator for criminal negligence?

KATE BASSETT

MARILYN KINGWILL

Suspension of disbelief enables Bella Manningham (Jane How) to accept that she is *going mad in Patrick Hamilton's Gaslight. The audience is unlikely to be so gullible.*

Hope and glory

Rosie Blitz
Polka, Wimbledon

She *has no name, Kate Bassett writes.* The little heroine of Richard Pinner's touching, probing if not perfectly executed evacuee play for children cannot remember where she comes from, what her parents looked like, or anything of her life before the night of the fire, the night when the Jerries first bombed the East End.

She appears out of nowhere in the heart of Whitechapel, spotted amid the *flames as the factory at the end of the* street is going up in smoke. Onkel Willie, the lovable Jewish baker who *has fled Hitler's Germany, heroically* rescues the child and raises her as his own. He calls her Rosie Blitz, remembering the lucky *firechild who fell from* the sky in one of his folk tales. The two of them amiably share an air-raid shelter with their Russian refugee neighbours, washerwoman Mama Walenska and her daughter Mitzy. A hard life or no, this is a heaven of ethnically tolerant one-parent families.

Pinner's play takes an interesting angle on wartime Britain. Like Jack *Rosenthal's 1975 television drama The Evacuees*, it focuses on Jewish culture and notes the judgmental confusions over our German Jews. It *questions* total social solidarity and suggests evacuation may have been as much of an emotional bombshell as the Blitz.

Onkel Willie (Michael Wynne, *roundly huggable even if his accent is* everywhere) gives his tearaway free rein. Cockney Rosie (sparky Hannah *Everitt) scampers around the ruins of* homes and corrugated iron shelters (strongly designed by Fran Cooper), *naughtily blowing raspberries at the* officious Air Raid Precaution officer. He hates kids and has it in for Onkel Willie. No sooner has Rosie established new roots than pukka Mrs Dandridge, evacuee billeting officer of the WVS and a childless war widow, brusquely removes Rosie to what she considers a brighter, *truly British future* on her own farm in Northamptonshire.

Vicky Ireland's cast is slackly paced *at points. Doubling creates weaknesses.* Joanna Wake is far better as the Blighty bully Mrs D than the clumsily *caricatured wailing Mama Walenska.* Stephanie Blake is charming as Mrs D's *low-born*, sweet-natured housemaid, but *struggles* to convince as Mitzy the minor. However, the piece is a pleasure with its weave of projected slides. *Oh What A Lovely War!*-style, playground songs and snappy *storytelling.*

Lost on the Moor

Othello
Watermill, Bagnor

Edward Hall created a powerfully theatrical occasion out of Lord Byron's *Cain* at Chichester's Minerva *Studio three years ago, giving the play* its British premiere only 180 years after it was written. So I hoped that exciting things *might* emerge in *his production* of a play known to hold the stage. But, alas, not so.

Georgia Sion's design initially hints at an arresting view of the play. A *shimmering* blue cloth *hangs* down across the rear of the stage and curves forward like a ship's sail; but the curve *is soon rolled out of the way* and the cloth replaced by pale, almost transparent blinds. These are put to good *use when Iago stages the misleading* scenes with Cassio to arouse the stupid Moor's jealousy, placing the two men *on opposite sides of the screen and* himself moving between them. But the costumes are nothing special, and the pinstripe jackets worn with tropical linen trousers look awful.

Desdemona's scarlet dress is an unusual choice of colour, but Jackie *Morrison's performance, ranging* between sturdy determination and frailty, artlessly innocent yet never drippy, *is one of the better features of the* production, and the bold scarlet feels right for this interpretation.

Watching Leo Wringer's *Othello* I found myself thinking how lucky this Moor must have been as a military commander to have come up against no enemy who practised deceitful tactics, and thus leave him so incapable of detecting treachery closer at hand. But although Desdemona's betrayal of *her father is held against her, Othello* has been a party to it, and thus his ready belief in her adultery may be his *method of denying his own guilt.* Wringer gives the verse attractive rhythms, notably in the last act, and his rages *ring* true.

On the other hand, Neil Caple's Iago is vocally uninteresting and misses numerous opportunities (when other characters' backs are turned) to indicate what is going on in his mind. His scenes with David Acton's Rodrigo, who is sometimes quite amusingly *foolish,* are not helped by Hall's decision to keep the two of them motionless for vast stretches of time. *Most of the other actors are stiff as* waxworks, although not the Ludovico of Guy Williams, who intelligently *links gesture to speech.*

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Andrew calls for change of attitude to winning

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ROB ANDREW, director of rugby union for Newcastle United Sporting Clubs, appealed yesterday for English sport to embrace more readily the culture of winning.

Addressing the recently formed Guild of Sports Internationalists in London, England's most capped stand-off half said that far too many administrators, notably in his own sport, were frightened of professionalism.

"I don't understand why," Andrew said. "I think it will move rugby forward, it will put money into the game, it will give children more heroes and make them want to play. Some administrators seem to want to guard the sport almost as though it were their property. It belongs to everyone.

"We have to give children the chance to compete and to be successful. But we are a long way behind our major competitors. The attitudes of the southern hemisphere countries are five to ten years ahead of our own and, if we are to be successful, we have to close that gap."

Andrew, sporting a heavily stitched eyebrow after his injury during Wasps' defeat by Bath at the weekend, remains hopeful of extending his number of England caps against South Africa next month. Whether Dean Richards, the Leicester No 8, will get a similar opportunity may depend on the Leicestershire disciplinary committee tonight.

Richards received a yellow warning card in successive matches against Bath and Gloucester which, taken together, could warrant a 60-day suspension. However Leicester will mount a vigorous defence of their captain, who has been named to play Orrell on Saturday. "This is a test case and we will be establishing a precedent, so we need to be very judicious." Alan Wells, the Leicestershire secretary, said.

Jason Smith makes inroads into the South Africa defence during Australia's world record 86-6 victory in the group one game at Gateshead

Lowe aims to save best until last

By Christopher Irvine

WESTERN Samoa are last in but at least they are not first out. They finally start their campaign in the rugby league World Cup tonight, against France in Cardiff. Not that Graham Lowe is overly worried. "I bet we're the only ones to get some sightseeing in," their coach said.

Included in their tour was Cardiff Arms Park, the scene of a famous Samoan triumph in the 1991 rugby union World Cup, the 16-13 defeat of Wales. That victory still stirs Polynesian passions; Wales were left to reflect at the time that it was a good job they had not met the whole of Samoa.

Their showdown in Swansea on Sunday will determine England's semi-final opponents, and show whether Lowe's canny stewardship has managed to concoct a winning formula from his disparate collection of players. Apart from one or two native islanders, they are mainly drawn from Australia, New Zealand and England.

A lame French side, with only three days to recover from their opening 28-6 defeat by Wales, is as good a starting point as any for the Samoan dark horses at Ninian Park tonight. It is a question of whether their thoroughbreds, notably Va'aiga Tuigamala, Tony Tatupu, John Schuster and Vila Matautia, can gel. "We could catch light or simply fizzle out," Lowe said. "Either way, it will be exciting."

Excitement is something, the Samoans' New Zealand coach might be better off without. A survivor of a life-threatening embolism and a triple heart bypass, tonight is Lowe's first match in charge of a side for three years.

The call to coach Western Samoa came as a surprise, but he has found it a pleasure and a stimulant before he returns to the rigours of club coaching with North Queensland Cowboys after the World Cup. "The players are a humble bunch, a joy to work with, but they have trained hard, prepared well and we're all now just raring to go," he said.

France trained last night and counted down the list of wounded before naming their team. As well as the injuries which have put Gael Tallec and the backs, David Despin and Stephane Millet, out of the tournament, they have five more players under treatment. Tas Baitieri, the France team manager, said: "We realise that, with the high-profile players the Samoans have got and the problems we are suffering, it's going to be difficult."

Should they lose, France will be the second team to return home after Tonga, whose impression on the competition, despite surrendering a winning lead to New Zealand in injury time and letting slip a 20-point margin to allow Papua New Guinea to draw 28-28 on Tuesday, has been a considerable one.

Tonga hope they can tour here and Australasia in order to build on some encouraging foundations. Mike McClennan, another New Zealander recruited as coach by a South Pacific nation, said: "We don't want to lose the momentum and I know the players would relish a tour."

South Africa, in conceding an international world record score to Australia on Tuesday — they lost 86-6 — confirmed the suspicion that they are not ready for competition at this level and that an entry in the emerging nations tournament next week would have been more appropriate. For Australia, however, victory came at a price, with the loss of Paul Harragon, their captain, who has flown home after cracking his cheekbone in three places. Gary Larson, the North Sydney prop, has replaced him.

New Zealand have made three changes for their final group game, with Papua New Guinea at St Helens tomorrow. Henry Paul, of Wigan, replaces Gene Ngamu at stand-off half, with two former Salford players, Jason Williams and Mark Horo, taking over from Richard Barnett and Tony Iro on the wing and in the second row respectively.

TEAMS

WESTERN SAMOA (v France in Cardiff tonight). P Tuimavave; 1. Koko, V *Tuigamala*, J *Schuster*, B *Laumatia*; T Ropati, W Swann; S Solomana, W Pocking, F Aloa, V Matautia, T Tatupu, T Tuimavave. Substitutes: S Panepa, M Elia, N Vagana, A Perelini.

NEW ZEALAND (v Papua New Guinea at St Helens tomorrow). M Ridge; S Hoppe, R Blackmore, R Wiki, J Williams; H Paul, S Jones; O Pongia, S Eru, J Lowrie, S Kearney, M Horo, T Kemp. Substitutes: G Ngamu, H Okesene, K Iro, T Iro

SPORT IN BRIEF

New sponsor found for women's tennis

THE Women's Tennis Association (WTA), amid attempts to unravel conflicting reports about whether or not Steffi Graf will play in the Brighton tournament next week, has gained a beneficiary (Stuart Jones writes). The tour, embracing almost 60 events in 20 countries, is to be sponsored by Corel.

The WTA has received no financial support since its contract with Kraft ended in acrimony two years ago. The new deal with the computer graphics company, a "multi-year and multimillion dollar" agreement, is to begin at the championships to mark the end of the season.

They will be held from November 6 to 13 in New York. It was there, a month ago, that Graf made her last appearance, in the final of the US Open. Rumours, emanating from Germany, that she had pulled out of Brighton were, at best, premature.

Olajuwon injured

BASKETBALL: Houston, the National Basketball Association (NBA) champions, will be without Hakeem Olajuwon for the World Club Championship in London next week, a competition which NBA clubs have never lost. The Nigerian-born centre, who will represent the United States in the Olympic Games next year, will be unable to practise for at least ten days after surgery to remove fluid from his injured left elbow. Last month, Olajuwon had to drop out of a million-dollar one-to-one confrontation against Shaquille O'Neal, of Orlando, because of back pain.

Sri Lanka excel again

CRICKET: Sri Lanka gained a dramatic six-run victory over West Indies in the opening match of the Champions Trophy in Sharjah yesterday. Chasing a total of 234 for seven, West Indies slipped from 192 for three to 228 for nine against the spin of Sanath Jayasuriya and Kumara Dharmasena. The Sri Lanka innings was built around a defiant 101 from Roshan Mahanama and 58 off 54 balls by Arjuna Ranatunga.

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Women get their rights

TENNIS: The women's final of the US Open will no longer be squeezed between the men's semi-finals on the so-called "Super Saturday" (Stuart Jones writes). Under a new deal reached with CBS yesterday, reportedly worth $135 million (about £87 million) over five years, it will be staged with the men's final on the following day. By the change, the United States Tennis Association has implicitly recognised that its treatment of the women finalists was unfair and unwieldy.

Cup squad announced

GOLF: Fifteen players have been selected for a Great Britain and Ireland women's squad which will train together before the defence of the Curtis Cup in Killarney in June. It includes five members of the side which kept the trophy by virtue of a 9-9 tie in Tennessee last year — English and British champion Julie Hall, Mhairi McKay, Janice Moodie, Eileen Rose Power and Lisa Walton.

Scholarships tackled

STUDENT SPORT: Eric Peters, the Bath and Scotland rugby union international and a graduate of Loughborough and Cambridge universities, was named yesterday in a Government working party which will look into ways of increasing university sports scholarships. The chairman is Sir Roger Bannister, first man to run under four minutes for the mile and former Master of Pembroke College, Oxford.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This week's refresher is about valuing your hand when your major suit opening is raised. On the first hand, you open One Spade and your partner bids Three Spades. Your bid?

♠Q10842 ♥AJ42
♦KJ2 ♣5

This was an extremely marginal opening bid; the main justification for it is that your suits are conveniently placed to bid both of them. If you had exactly the same high cards but arranged 5-1-3-4, it would be correct to pass, as after opening One Spade you would have to make an unsatisfactory rebid of Two Spades over Two Hearts. Yet it is clear to bid Four Spades over Three Spades. This is because you have a singleton — if your partner's values are opposite your long suits, this hand will play well. As you do not have room to investigate, it is reasonable to gamble that the hands fit.

Again the auction starts One Spade - Three Spades):

♠AKQ42 ♥Q63
♦J52 ♣Q4

This time you have 14 high card points, as opposed to 11 on the previous hand; yet you should pass Three Spades. You have too much strength concentrated in the spade suit, and your minor-suit cards are disjointed. Altogether the hand looks as though there will be at least four losers.

Now consider two hands in which you have to make a decision *after* One Spade - Two Spades.

♠AK542 ♥Q63
♦KQ3 ♣Q2

♠A10542 ♥3
♦KJ83 ♣AK3

The first one is certainly not worth another move, despite its 16 points. On the second hand, the bid is Three Diamonds. This time you can find out if your partner's cards are the right ones. If you remember in the refresher a few weeks ago, that asks partner to jump to Four Spades if he has a diamond fit.

The main lesson of these four hands is that hands with some distribution go up in value considerably when their principle suit is supported; balanced hands are not much improved.

☐ Yesterday was a dreadful one for the British women in the Venice Cup. They lost 18-12 to Argentina, 24-6 to Australia and 23-7 to Venezuela to fall from second to sixth in their qualifying group, from which only four teams will proceed to the knockout stages. Standings: France 170, USA2 163, Japan 142, Venezuela 132, Australia 130, Britain 129. In the other group, USA1 lead from South Africa, Brazil and Germany, with Canada and China still in touch.

In the Bermuda Bowl, one group is so close that the bottom team are just two points behind fourth place. Argentina lead from France, Indonesia and USA1. The other group is dominated by Italy, followed by USA2, China and Sweden.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's prize

With a swift draw in game 18 of the Intel World Chess Championship, in New York, Garry Kasparov reached 10½ points and clinched overall match victory and the prize of $900,000; the loser, Vishy Anand, of India, will receive $450,000. These amounts have been reduced by 10 per cent from those announced earlier by the match organisers. The extra money will go towards financing the event.

It was clear from the brief duration of game 18 that Anand had no stomach for the fight. His prospects of winning the last three games, which he would have needed to do to tie the match, were vanishingly small.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Intel World Championship, Game 18, October 1995

Sicilian Defence

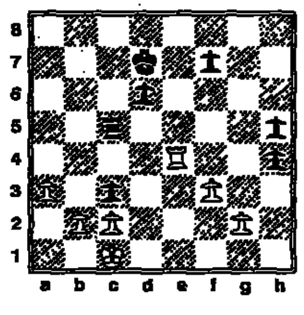
1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be2	e6
7	0-0	Be7
8	a4	Nc6
9	Be3	0-0
10	f4	Qc7
11	Kh1	Re8
12	Bf3	Draw agreed

Last chance

Anand's last chance to upset the champion had come in game 17 when he missed a trick that would have given him a likely win in an endgame of rooks and pawns.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Garry Kasparov
Intel World Championship, Game 17, 1995

Position after Black's 36th move



In this position Anand carelessly played 37 Rxh4.

Instead, from the diagram position, 37 b4 should win, since White gains two connected passed pawns which are virtually impossible to stop. For example:

37 b4 Rg5 38 Rxh4 Rxg2 39 Kb1 and now either

a) 39 ... Rg5 40 Ka2
followed by Kb3 and the advance of White's pawns, or

b) 39 ... Rf2 40 Rxh5 Rxf3 41 Ka2 again followed by Kb3, when the advance of White's pawns in unison, outweighs any counterplay Black may achieve on the other wing.

Times world championship book

All games of the world title match are available from tomorrow with commentary by Raymond Keene in a *Times* book, *World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand* (Batsford £9.99).

Credit card orders on 01376 327901.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

Match score

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Kasparov	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	10½
Anand	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	7½

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ZYKLON
a. The legendary planet
b. A cyanide poison
c. Three-headed wheat

SE
a. A reflective person
b. The Chinese zither
c. Rye silage

SOLLICKER
a. Very big
b. A water clock
c. A buddy or chum

THURINGER
a. The summer sausage
b. A school of psychotherapy
c. A male-voice choir

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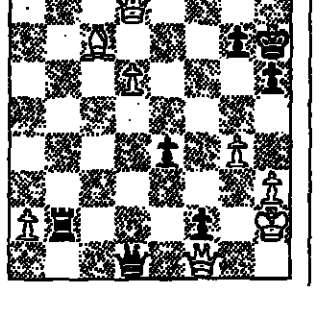
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, Game 14, 1993. Despite having a queen and bishop against a rook, White seems to be in terrible trouble as 1 Qxd1 is met by 1 ... f1/Q+ winning. How can White escape from his difficulties?



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LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

George Steel of 44 Eskdale Avenue, Chesham, Buckinghamshire died on 16th August 1995, Commercial Artist. Particulars to Matthew Arnold & Baldwin, PO Box 101, 20 Station Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD1 1HT. Executors John Malcolm Baldwin Alan John Piper, both of 20 Station Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD1 1HT before 13th December 1995.

PHILLIPS, VIOLET SYBIL of 113 ST GEORGES ROAD, HASTINGS, E. SUSSEX died on 20 MAY 1995 particulars to HEPBURNS Solicitors of BLENHEIM HOUSE, BLENHEIM GROVE, PECKHAM, LONDON SE15 4QX *before 15 DECEMBER 1995.*

LEGAL NOTICES

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CORNTRACE LIMITED
Company No: 1778505
MISSLETON LIMITED
Company No: 1782948

All in Members' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that the *Liquidator* of the above-named Companies intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, R Smith, KPMG, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 3 November 1995, which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make a final distribution and that such a distribution will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned. Note. The Company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
R Smith - Liquidator
Dated: 5 October 1995

BERNARD BAKER LIMITED
(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that L S D Swaden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 9th October 1995. *All debts and claims should be* sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts *will be given.*
Dated this 9th October 1995
S D SWADEN, FCA, Liquidator.

Catherine Nagle (In Bankruptcy) of 49 Coningham Road, Shepherds Bush, London W12
In the High Court No.8643 of 1992
The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 6.124 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S Rose, MIPA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner *of S Rose &* Company, 21 Foresdale, Southgate, London N14 7DY, was appointed Trustee in the above matter by the Secretary of State on 15th February 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 21st day of September 1995
S ROSE, MIPA, Trustee.

THE INNTREPRENEUR BEER SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
Ashby House, 1 Bridge Street, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4TP. Tel: 01784 466199 Fax: 01784 468373

SUPPLY OF BEER
TO CERTAIN TIED HOUSES OWNED BY
INNTREPRENEUR ESTATES LIMITED (IEL)

INVITATION TO TENDER

Tenders are invited for the right to supply beer to 500 licensed premises owned by Inntrepreneur Estates Limited on behalf of The Inntrepreneur Beer Supply Company Limited (formerly Courage *Limited*) (IBSC) or *other wholly-owned subsidiary of Foster's Brewing Group Limited of Australia* (FBG) nominated by IBSC.

IBSC has the right to supply (or to nominate the supplier of) certain types of beer (tied products) to tenants of the licensed premises. IBSC (or the nominee) will agree to purchase beer from the successful tenderer and will appoint the successful tenderer as its agent to supply beer to those tenants.

The tender process has been initiated pursuant to binding undertakings dated 11 August 1995 given to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry pursuant to Section 75G of the Fair Trading Act 1973 *in connection with the sale of the IBSC beer business to Scottish & Newcastle plc.*

Written expressions of interest from potential tenderers are to be sent to Mr Robin Hammond at IBSC at the above address to arrive no later than 5 pm on 18 October 1995. Interested parties will then be required to enter into a confidentiality undertaking and will then be given the documents on the basis of which tenders are to be submitted.

The timetable for the tender process is as follows:

Expressions of interest	As soon as practicable but not later than 18 October 1995
Confidentiality undertaking received and thereafter tender documents provided	From 18 October 1995
Tenders submitted	17 November 1995
Notification of successful tenderer	By 8 December 1995
Execution of Supply Agreement	Immediately thereafter
Commencement of Supply	*1 January 1996*

Tenders will be required to be made for 100% of the tied products for each licensed premises.

Notice of Exercise of Power to Close Register
Pursuant to section 358 of the Companies Act 1985 notice is hereby given that Sabre Investment Trust PLC (Registered Office: Dragon Court, 27-29 Macklin Street, London WC2B 4LX. Registered Number: 804564), *will close its Register of Share*holders from 5:00 p.m. on 12 October, 1995 until 5:00 p.m. on 31 October, 1995.

Petition No. 2016 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF BROSGILL & LEACH LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES *ACT* 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division, Leeds District Registry dated 7 September 1995 confirming the reduction of the share premium account *of the above named com*pany from £225,316 to £164,095 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 28th September 1995.
GODLOVE PEARLMAN
Russell House, 15 St Paul's Street, *Leeds LS1 2LZ*
Solicitors for the Petitioner
Ref GBW/TPS

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

COYLER & SOUTHEY (PRINTING) LIMITED
REGISTERED NO: 417511
FORMER COMPANY NAME: THE BOOK JACKET COMPANY LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that on 9 *October 1995, Alan David Lewis* and Anthony William Brierley of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers conferred in debentures dated 8 February 1995 and 30 November 1993 containing fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertakings of the company.
Dated this 9th day of October 1995
ALAN DAVID LEWIS and ANTHONY WILLIAM BRIERLEY, Joint Administrative Receivers

RAMSES SADEK BARSOUM MATTAR (In Bankruptcy)
In the High Court
No. 80 *of* 1994
Ramses Sadek Barsoum Mattar of 55 Abu Bakr El-Sadek Street, Flat 18 Heliopolis - Cairo, Egypt and lately residing at 84 Crescent Road Leigh on Sea Essex SS9 2PD *and carrying on business as* a Technical Manager.
The Insolvency Act 1986
In accordance with Rule 6.124 *of the* Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S Rose, MIPA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of S Rose & Company, 21 *Foresdale*, Southgate, London N14 7DY, was appointed Trustee *in* the above matter by the Secretary of State on 12th September 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 21st day of September 1995
S ROSE, MIPA, Trustee.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

COLYER & SOUTHEY (SALES) *LIMITED*

REGISTERED NO: 729635

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Dated this 9th day of October 1995

ALAN DAVID LEWIS and ANTHONY WILLIAM BRIERLEY, Joint Administrative Receivers

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Kinkladze's goal seals victory

Bulgarians lose their unbeaten record to Georgia

By David Powell

BULGARIA suffered their *first defeat in qualifying group* seven of the European football championship yesterday when Georgia, who have failed to reach the finals in England next year, beat them 2-1 in Tbilisi. Georgi Kinkladze, who has spent most of the season in a losing team, playing for Manchester City, scored the goal which *gave Georgia their victory.*

Kinkladze was the game's *outstanding player. With the* score at 1-1, he burst through the Bulgaria defence but was pulled down by the goalkeeper. Kinkladze, whose club is rooted to the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership without a win in eight matches, picked himself up and scored from the penalty.

Georgia dominated and deserved *their victory which,* after Bulgaria's seven wins and a draw in their eight matches before last night, was unexpected. Georgia, trailing Bulgaria and Germany in the table, cannot finish higher than third. Each group winner qualifies for the finals as well *as seven of the eight runners-up.*

Georgia opened the scoring in the first minute when Shota Arveladze was on hand to finish of a five-pass move. Georgia missed at least three more inviting opportunities but only Kinkladze was able to increase their advantage. In the last minute Irakli Zoidze, *the Georgia goalkeeper,* allowed a shot from Hristo Stoichkov to slip from his grasp, but Bulgaria had no time to add an equaliser.

At the opposite end of the scale to Bulgaria, Azerbaijan went to Israel for a group one match having lost all eight of their matches. They were unable to stem the tide against them and lost 2-0. In the same group, Slovakia beat Poland 4-1. *Estonia have lost all ten of* their group four qualifying matches after Lithuania beat them 5-0 in Vilnius.

England need to win their final qualifying match in the European under-21 championship on November 14 to stand a chance of reaching the quarter-finals and, even then, a victory over Austria at Middlesbrough may not be enough. While England were drawing 2-2 with Norway in Stavanger on Tuesday in a non-championship match, Portugal won 1-0 in Austria to lead group six by one point and with a *superior goal* difference.

Portugal complete their championship fixtures by *playing hosts* to Ireland on the day that England entertain Austria. It would be a considerable surprise if Ireland blocked Portugal's path, although they forced a draw in April.

Peter Bonetti, the former England goalkeeper now *coaching that position for the* under-21s, said: "The Portu*guese have got themselves in* this position because of their *defensive* record. They have only conceded one goal in seven games. It does not look good for us now."

Dave Sexton, the England coach, had to choose from a depleted squad against Norway when Robbie Fowler, Trevor Sinclair and Chris Bart-Williams were among those who withdraw. Five of *his team were drawn from the* Endsleigh Insurance League. *Among them was Andy Booth,* of Huddersfield Town, who *celebrated his first start in* three international appearances by scoring England's second goal after 77 minutes. Norway equalised through Lund three minutes from time.

Solskjaer had opened the scoring after 41 minutes, but Sol Campbell cancelled out Norway's lead with an outstanding goal in the 62nd minute, brushing aside four challenges before firing an unstoppable shot into the corner. England dominated after *Pedersen was sent off in the* 47th minute for tangling with *Booth.*

The Wales under-21 team lost 5-1 at home to Germany in group seven. The Welsh had started brightly, with John Hartson and Jonathan Coates hitting the Germany bar, but a thundering shot from Jeremies, after 37 minutes, took the wind out of their sails.

Ricken, a substitute, scored either side of Hartson's 46th-minute effort and there were further goals for Zickler and Rydlewicz as the Germans ran *riot in the later stages.* "I am glad it was only five," Bryan *Flynn, the Wales manager,* said.

*Scotland's 2-1 B internation*al win over Sweden in Stockholm featured fine performances by Paul Telfer and Scott Gemmill, who strengthened their claim for places in the European championship. Tom Brown, a substitute, scored an 85th-minute winner after Andersson had cancelled out Duncan Shearer's first-half header.

FA decides not to punish Kinnear

By Our Sports Staff

JOE KINNEAR, the Wimbledon manager, has escaped further punishment after two possible breaches of his touchline ban were reported to the Football Association.

Kinnear's latest brush with the authorities stems from a visit to the sideline during a case of mistaken identity when Andy Thorn was sent off, but then recalled from the dressing-room, in the match against *Liverpool.* Kinnear was also spotted away from *his seat in the stand during* Wimbledon's home match *against Sheffield Wednesday.*

An FA spokesman said: "The explanation given by Mr Kinnear in relation to a possible breach of a touchline ban at the Wimbledon v Sheffield Wednesday match on August 30 has been accepted by us.

"In a match observer's report from the Wimbledon v Liverpool game on September 9, a similar matter was mentioned. The FA sought clarification from the match officials at the game and, following *their replies, it has* been decided that no action will be *necessary."* Kinnear was banned from the touchline until October 31 after appearing before the FA in April on two charges of misconduct.

The chairmen of the 24 Endsleigh Insurance League first division clubs meet in Birmingham today to discuss a proposal that the Football League should combine with the FA in negotiations for television money.

It would give them considerable negotiating power and involve coverage of the Endsleigh League, Coca-Cola Cup, FA Cup and England internationals. It is believed that the package could be split between Sky, the BBC and ITV.

The FA has confirmed that Rob Jones, the Liverpool and England full back, will be banned for three matches from *October 18 after being* dismissed for violent conduct *in the Coca-Cola Cup* tie at Roker Park last week. Jones *was involved in a fracas with* Martin Smith, of Sunderland, who was also sent off and who has also been given a three-game suspension.

Jon Gittens, the Portsmouth defender, has escaped suspension after having his sending-off against Luton on September 30 expunged. Paul Rejer, the referee, sent off Gittens for a second bookable offence in the first division match *at Kenilworth Road* on September 30. However, the *official has changed his deci*sion after watching a video of *the incident that led to the* second yellow card.

Russell Osman, the former England defender, has issued a High Court writ against Bristol City for wrongful dismissal. Osman, sacked as manager last November, claims the club's subsequent relegation and present position near the foot of the second division supports his case.

Big-hitting newcomer Philippoussis keeps his eye on the prize as he completes his defeat of Stefan Edberg in Tokyo yesterday

Bates unable to capitalise on early success

JEREMY BATES was eased *out of the Seiko Super Tennis* tournament by the sixth seed, *Todd Martin, in Tokyo yester*day, despite taking the first set with two breaks of service.

The former Britain No 1 could find no riposte to the American, who produced a fine mix of serve-and-volley and well-placed passing shots to take the second and third sets of their second-round encounter, both 6-4.

Newcomer Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, continued his assault on the established order of men's tennis, sweeping away the *former world No 1 Stefan* Edberg, of Sweden, 6-0, 6-2, in *43 minutes of unrelenting* bombardment.

Edberg, three months from his thirtieth birthday, tried to put a brave face on the defeat, saying he would forget about it and look forward to a seven-week break at the end of the year.

"I'm going to have some losses here and there," he said, sounding sombre after the match. "I'm going to have my good weeks."

Edberg, the winner of six grand slam tournaments, in*sisted he will retire if he feels* he can no longer win one of the big events, but acknowledged that bigger and stronger players, like the 6ft 4in Philippoussis, make it harder all the time.

"I used to be one of the big guys on the tour. Now I'm somewhere in the middle," Edberg, standing at 6ft 2in, said.

Philippoussis, who lost to Edberg in the Australian Open in January, said the former Wimbledon champion was still playing the same delicate serve-and-volley *game, but that "tennis* is getting a lot faster and more powerful."

"Maybe today Stefan didn't play as well, or I didn't let him into the match," said Philippoussis, ranked No 60 in the world in his first full year on the tour.

Edberg, who finished in the top ten in the world from 1985 until last year, said his young opponent played as though he were "entranced" and could not seem to miss. But the veteran also gave some advice which sounded as though it was meant for himself, as well.

"Everybody can play well when you're having a good day," he said. "If you can play well when you're having a bad day, then you're a good player."

Earlier in the day, Sergi Bruguera, the former French Open champion, after a close first set, pulled away from Leander Paes, of India, to win 6-3, 6-0.

Paul Haarhuis, of Holland, the seventh seed, fell to Hendrik Dreekmann, of Germany, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Rookie Wolcott keeps Indians under fire

THE remarkable run of the Seattle Mariners continued as some fine pitching by the rookie baseball recruit, Bob Wolcott, sent the powerful Cleveland Indians to a 3-2 defeat in the first game of the American League Championship Series.

The Atlanta Braves, however, had to eke out single runs in the ninth and eleventh innings to rally for a 2-1 *victory in a what had become a tight* pitching duel with the Cincinnati Reds, *to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven* National League Championship Se*ries. The winners in each meet in the* world series.

Mike Devereaux, who entered the game as a defensive replacement in the ninth innings, proved the Atlanta hero as he singled with two men out in the top of the 11th innings for Fred McGriff to score the run that put the Braves ahead. "To come back late like we did, it just gives you confidence for later on," said Tom Glavine, of Atlanta.

The *Braves* got the benefit of five double plays, four while Glavine was pitching. "I was fortunate that I made the pitches when guys were on base, and the guys turned the double plays," Glavine said.

The left-hander, who entered the game with an 18-6 lifetime record against the Reds and 13-1 at Riverfront Stadium, allowed just one run and seven *hits* with two walks and five strikeouts in seven innings.

In Seattle, Wolcott, 22, permitted just two runs and eight hits, walking five *and striking out two in seven innings.* Luis Sojo, the shortstop who struck the *decisive blow in Seattle's one-game* play-off with the California Angels, got another game-winner, a seventh-inning double scoring for Jay Buhner.

It was Wolcott's seventh major-league start and his first against the major leagues' only 100-game winners. "That probably was the tale of the game right there," the Cleveland manager, Mike Hargrove, said. "We let Wolcott get out of the first inning with no runs scored after loading the bases. That set the tone."

Organisers discount threat to World Cup

HINDU militants do not pose a danger to the World Cup cricket tournament next year, an official of the Indian organising committee said yesterday.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said the competition, which begins in February, would take place without a hitch despite threats from a right-wing *Hindu leader, Bal Thackeray, to* sabotage matches involving Pakistan.

"We don't perceive any danger to the World Cup from any political party because we *enjoy the blessings of the* governments" in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, where the tournament will be played, Dalmiya said. "The question of the World Cup being jeopardised does not arise."

Thackeray, whose Shiv Sena party governs the western state of Maharashtra, has opposed the Pakistan team playing in India as a protest against their government's support for *Moslem separatists in Kashmir.*

Seventeen World Cup matches are to be played in India, 16 in Pakistan and four in Sri Lanka. Pakistan would play in India if they reach the semi-finals, scheduled in March in Calcutta and Mohali.

Bombay, which will stage the World Cup qualifying match between India and Australia, today hosts the New Zealanders in a three-day match, their last warm-up before the first Test in *Bangalore that starts next Wednesday.*

The New Zealanders are resting *Martin Crowe for the match against* Bombay. He scored a century in Rajkot *against a Board President's XI in a* three-day match which ended in a tame draw earlier this week.

"Crowe had a good match at Rajkot and we wanted everybody to get a chance," Glenn Turner, the New Zealand manager, said after net practice yesterday.

Turner added that Matthew Hart, the left-arm spinner, had recovered from injury and would play against a side that is led by Sachin Tendulkar, the India Test batsman.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

PLAY-OFFS: American League: Seattle 3 *Cleveland 2 (Cleveland lead best-of-seven* series 1-0) National League: Atlanta 2 Cincinnati 1 (in 11 inns, Atlanta 1-0)

CRICKET

Sharjah Champions Trophy

West Indies v Sri Lanka

SHARJAH (West Indies won toss): Sri Lanka beat West Indies by six runs

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama c Simmons b Bishop	101
S T Jayasuriya c Simmons b Bishop	1
A P Gurusinha c Harper b Simmons	18
P A de Silva c Simmons b Chanderpaul	9
*A Ranatunga c Browne b Gibson	58
†R S Kaluwitharna run out	11
H P Tillakaratne c Simmons b Bishop	7
R S Kalpage not out	1
H D P Dharmasena not out	1
Extras (lb 7, w 20)	27
Total (7 wkts)	234

M Muralitharan and G P Wickramasinghe did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-59, 3-84, 4-210, 5-222, 6-228, 7-233

BOWLING: Bishop 10-1-42-3. Gibson 10-1-40-1. Anthony 8-0-49-2; Simmons 8-1-29-1. Harper 10-0-49-0. Chanderpaul 4-0-18-1

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons c de Silva b Wickramasinghe	5
S L Campbell c Dharmasena b Muralitharan	86
B C Lara run out	19
*R B Richardson stumped Kaluwitharna b Jayasuriya	67
R C Holder not out	26
R A Harper c and b Jayasuriya	1
S Chanderpaul c de Silva b Dharmasena	11
O D Gibson lbw b Dharmasena	0
H Anthony c Muralitharan b de Silva	2
†C C Browne st Kaluwitharna b Dharmasena	2
I R Bishop not out	1
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	8
Total (for 9 wkts)	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-69, 3-165, 4-192, 5-194, 6-211, 7-211, 8-218, 9-226.

BOWLING: Wickramasinghe 7-0-27-1; de Silva 10-0-38-1. Dharmasena 9-0-49-3 Muralitharan 10-1-35-1, Jayasuriya 10-0-48-2. Kalpage 4-0-25-0.

Umpires: Steve Dunn (NZ) and D Har (Aus).

FOOTBALL

European championship

Qualifying group six

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1,100
O'Neil 36
McMahon 49
Quinn 55
Gray 72
(in Eschen)

Tuesday's late results

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Republic of Ireland 1 Latvia 0 (at Terryland Park) Group seven: Wales 1 Germany 5 (National Stadium, Cardiff) Other matches: Group one Slovakia 3 Poland 1 (in Trnava). Israel 4 Azerbaijan 0 (in Ashdod). Romania 0 France 0 (in Bucharest). Group two: Denmark 5 Spain 1 (in Aarhus) Group three: Switzerland 2 Hungary 3 (in Wettingen); Iceland 2 Turkey 3 (in Iceland) Group four: Lithuania 3 Estonia 0 (in Vilnius) Group five Luxembourg 0 Belarus 5 (in Luxembourg), Malta 0 Holland 2 (in Valetta). Group six: Austria 0 Portugal 1 (Wiener Neustadt). Group seven: Georgia 1 Bulgaria 2 (in Tbilisi). Group eight: Russia 0 Greece 1 (in Moscow)

B INTERNATIONAL: Sweden 1 Scotland 2 (at Rasunda Stadium).

Under-21 international: Norway 2 England 2 (at Stavanger Stadium)

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Southern *section: First round:* Wycombe 1 Fulham 1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 0 Woking 3. Stalybridge 0 Gateshead 2: Macclesfield 2 Morecambe 0. Postponed: Bromsgrove v Hednesford

SPALDING CHALLENGE CUP: First round, second leg: Dover 3 Welling 1 (Dover win 5-2 on agg)

FA CUP: Third round qualifying replays: Billericay Tn 2 Chelmsford 1. Cinderford Tn 1 Forest Green 1 aet, Ilkeston Tn 1 Marine 2 aet, *Eastwood Tn 1 Northwich 2 aet* Newport IoW 3 Thame 1

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans 1 Frickley 1. Chorley 0 Bamber Bridge 0: Colwyn Bay 1 Winsford 1 Leek 0 Buxton 0. Matlock 0 Gainsborough 2. Spennymoor 3 Witton 1. First division: Fleetwood 1 Radcliffe 0. Gretna 2 Lancaster 3. Lincoln United 0 Farsley Celtic 0

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Tonbridge Angels 1 Fisher 93 1

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon 0 Sutton United 4. St Albans 1 Enfield 0 Walton and Hersham 0 Dulwich 2. Yeading 1 Harrow 2. First division: Oxford City 1 Berkhamsted 0. Staines 3 Ruislip Manor 3: Tooting and Mitcham 0 Barton 0: Uxbridge 1 Abingdon Town 1. Third division: East Thurrock 1 Northwood 0: Hornchurch 0 Wingate and Finchley 2

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ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division League Cup: First round: Concord 0 Great Wakering 1 *Maldon 2* Brentwood 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN *LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street 0* Stockton 0. RTM Newcastle 1 Crook 2

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: *Mangotsfield 5 Bristol Manor Farm 1 Odd* Down 1 Taunton 1.

HEREWARD SPORTS: United Counties *League: Premier division: Cogenhoe 1* Long Buckby 0. Newport Pagnell 0 Desborough 3: Spalding 0 Mirrlees Blackstone 2. *Stamford 5 Boston 1.* Wellingborough 1 Potton 3

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Clacton 4 Sudbury 3. March 0 Haverhill 1: Tiptree 1 Halstead 2. Wroxham 2 Watton 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Ryde Sports 7 Brockenhurst 0

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE CUP: First round, second *leg:* Bournemouth 1 Wimborne 3, Swanage and Herston 1 Downton 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper Town 1 Denaby 0 Hatfield Main 1 Thackley 0: Ossett Town 0 Goole 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 3 Pagham 1. Burgess Hill 4 Mile Oak 1 Crowborough 2 Three Bridges 1 Langney 1 Whitehawk 1 Ringmer 5 Eastbourne Town 0

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Sheppey 1 Canterbury 0. Tunbridge Wells 1 Folkestone Invicta 5. Whitstable 0 Beckenham 1

ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Crusaders 2 Linfield 3 (aet).

SCHOOLS SOCCER: Fuji Films Trophy: York 2 Hambleton and Richmond 2 Tyne And Wear League Under 15: South Tyneside 3 Gateshead 2. Chester-le-Street 3 Sunderland 3. North Tyneside 4 Newcastle 2

SUPERCOPA: Boca Juniors (Arg) 2 San Pablo (Br) 3 (San Pablo qualify for quarter-finals in Buenos Aires)

FA CUP: Fourth round qualifying draw: Blyth Spartans v Guiseley, Spennymoor United v Lancaster City: Marine v Bradford P A. Telford United v Southport: Winsford United v Barrow or Durham City. Macclesfield *Town v Northwich Victoria. Witton Al*bion v Morecambe. Stalybridge Celtic v Colwyn Bay. Runcorn v Halifax Town. Purfleet v *Rushden and Diamonds. Kings Lynn v* Hednesford Town or Solihull Borough. Aylesbury United v Stevenage Borough. *Nuneaton Borough v Evesham United:* Billericay Town v Wisbech Town. Hayes v Sudbury Wanderers. Burton Albion v *Bracknell Town. Hitchin Town v St Albans* City. Kettering Town v Bromsgrove Rovers Kingstonian v Trowbridge Town. Tiverton *Town v Bognor Regis Town, Farnborough* Town v Yeovil Town, Newport (IoW) v Bashley. Yeading v Slough Town; Sutton United v *Crawley Town; Gravesend and Northfleet v* Marlow. Bromley or Sittingbourne v Dorchester Town. Ashford Town v Aldershot *Town; Forest Green Rovers or Cinderford* Town v Bath City

☐ Ties to be played October 21

GOLF

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 22.04pts average. 2, N Price (Zimb) 16.15. 3, B Langer (Ger) 16.08. 4, E Els (SA) 15.52. 5, N Faldo (Eng) 14.90. 6, C Montgomerie (Scot) 14.18. 7, C Pavin (US) 12.17. 8, F Couples (US) 11.88. 9, M Ozaki *(Japan) 10.62. 10, J M Olazabal (Sp) 10.04;* 11, T Lehman (US) 9.57; 12, S Elkington (Aus) 9.52; 13, V Singh (Fiji) 8.82. 14, L Jan*zen (US) 8.16. 15, D Love III (US) 8.15. 16, M* McCumber (US) 8.14. 17, S Torrance (Scot) 8.13. 18, D Frost (SA) 7.84. 19, L Roberts *(US) 7.74. 20, P Jacobsen (US) 7.42. 21, S* Hoch (US) 7.28. 22, S Ballesteros (Sp) 7.26. 23, F Zoeller (US) 7.23; 24, P Mickelson *(US) 7.12. 25, B Crenshaw (US) 6.95. Other* British: 35, I Woosnam (Wales) 5.78; 52, M James (Eng) 4.64, 55, B Lane (Eng) 4.55. *57, D Gilford (Eng) 4.47; 63, D Clarke (N Ire)* 4.08. 78, H Clark (Eng) 3.57. 95, M Roe (Eng) 2.91, 99, P Baker (Eng) 2.74.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States 1 Ireland 0 (in Baltimore United States lead five-match series 3-0)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Toronto 7 NY *Islanders 3; Dallas 7 Calgary 3. St Louis 5* Edmonton 3. Los Angeles 5 Chicago 5 (OT).

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Solihull 0 Blackburn 9.

REAL TENNIS

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford *University 4 The Army 1.*

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group one: Australia 86 South Africa 6. Group two: *Papua New Guinea 28 Tonga 28*

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Oxford University 41 Bedford 27. Pontypridd 17 Pontypool 20: Stalybridge 0 Gateshead 1. *Maesteg* 69 Taibach 19. Llanharan 17 Llantrisant 0. Tondu 19 Glamorgan County 19. Nottingham *18 Loughborough University 12.*

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Bradford 58 Arena Essex 38

TABLE TENNIS

SZEKSZARD, Hungary: European Women's League: Super division final: Hun*gary bt England 4-1 (England names first):* L Lomas bt K Toth 21-11, 21-19: A Broe lost to C Batorfi 12-21, 21-13, 21-10. A Holt lost *to V Ello 21-18, 20-22, 21-16. Lomas lost to* Batorfi 21-16, 21-15 Holt and Lomas lost to Toth and Batorfi 21-11, 21-10.

TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM: LTA satellite men's tournament (GB unless stated): First round: S Bandermann (Ger) bt N Bagin 6-2, 7-6. Second round: G Mandl (Austria) bt E Haussner (Fr) 6-4, 6-4. P Kuhn (SA) bt J Fox 6-4, 7-5, R Koenig (SA) bt T Hand 6-2, 6-2: *B Cowan bt P Hand 6-3, 7-6 I Heuberger* (Switz) bt N Weal 6-3, 7-6. S Manai (Switz) bt S Hommel (Holl) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1, C Beecher *bt N Gould 7-6, 4-6, 6-4: S Herdoiza (US) bt* S Bandermann (Ger) 6-4, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Beecher bt Herdoiza 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Cowan bt Heuberger 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; *Mandl bt* Manai 6-1, 6-4: Koenig bt Kuhn 6-1, 6-3.

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: *First round: N Zvereva (Bul) bt M* Hingis (Switz) 6-4, 6-4, S Appelmans (Bel) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-4, 6-1; B Schultz-*McCarthy (Holl) bt L Raymond (US)* 6-4, 7-5. P Begerow (Ger) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-1, 7-6. C Rubin (US) bt J Kandarr (Ger) 6-1, 6-1: *M Oremans (Holl) bt A Coetzer (SA)* 1-6, 6-4, 6-2: E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt L Neiland (Latvia) 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

RAMAT HASHARON, Israel: *Men's tour*nament: First round: J Sánchez (Sp) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; D Wheaton (US) bt R Schuttler (Ger) 6-4, 7-5, J Palmer (US) bt N *Marques (Por) 6-2, 6-3, J Stoltenberg (Aus)* bt G Bloom (Is) 6-3, 6-3. E Ran (Is) bt W Black *(Zim)* 6-3, 6-1; R Vasek (Cz) bt J *Grabb (US) 6-2, 1-6, 7-6: J Krosiak (Slo) bt T* Guardiola (Fr) 6-0, 4-6, 6-3, N Behr (Is) bt J Tarango (US) 6-4, 3-6, 7-5: T Muster (Aut) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, F Fetterlein (Den) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 7-5, 6-4; A Thoms (Ger) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 6-4, 6-4; S Pescosolido (It) bt J Van Herck (Bel) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4: R Fromberg (Aus) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-4, 6-3. K Alami (Mor) bt E Erlich (Isr) 6-0, 6-2: M Ondruska (SA) bt W Kowalski (Pol) 6-3, 6-3: *O Ogorodov (Uzb)* bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 (9/7).

PRAGUE: Men's tournament: First round: *O Delaitre (Fr) bt J Golmard (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; A* Medvedev (Ukraine) bt L Manta (Switz) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, M Washington (US) bt P Luxa (Cz) *6-1, 6-3; B Ullrich (Cz) bt Y Kafelnikov* (Russ) 6-2, 6-4: G Forget (Fr) bt J Bulant (Czech) 6-2, 6-4: K Novacek (Cz) bt L Roux (Fr) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Second round: H Dreekmann (Ger) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; A Volkov (Russ) bt F Wibier (Holl) 7-5, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt C Caratti (It) 6-4, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt L Paes (India) 6-3, 6-0; T Martin (US) bt J Bates (GB) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) bt M Woodforde (Aus) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, J Stark (US) bt M Rios (Chile) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt S Edberg (Swe) 6-0, 6-2: B Black (Zim) bt M Tebbutt (Aus) 6-3, 7-6, M Chang (US) bt D Norman (Bel) 6-3, 6-4.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, A Agassi (US) 5,400pts, 2, P Sampras (US) 4,959: 3, T *Muster (Aut)* 4,072; 4, B Becker (Ger) 3,331; 5, M Chang (US) 3,015; 6, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,670; 7, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,608; 8, J Courier (US) 2,311, 9, T Enqvist (Swe) 2,073: 10, M Rosset (Switz) 1,984, 11, S Bruguera (Sp) 1,953; 12, M Stich (Ger) 1,917; 13, W Ferreira (SA) 1,855, 14, M Larsson (Swe) 1,623; 15, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,593; 16, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,385, 17, J Siemerink (Holl) 1,295: 18, G Schaller (Austria) 1,294; 19, A Gaudenzi (It) 1,288; 20, S Edberg (Swe) 1,287 British placings: 35, G Rusedski 882; 110, J Bates 410, 132, C Wilkinson 350; 137, T Henman 334; 141, M Petchey 320; 186, M Maclagan 212; 219, D Sapsford 170; 332, B Cowan 82; 339, G Henderson 86; 357, A Foster 378.

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FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham v Bolton (7.0); Stoke v Sheffield United (7.0). West Bromwich v *Manchester United (7.0).*

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v Sligo (7.45).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English schools Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: Exeter v Taunton (Topsham FC, 2.30); Rotherham v Sheffield (Herringthorpe Stadium, 7.0); Yeovil v Mid Somerset (Ilminster FC, 4.50). London Corinthian Shield: Final: Basildon v Blackheath (Gloucester Bowl 7.0).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 start unless stated): Premier League: Ipswich v Poole; Middlesbrough v Belle Vue; Sheffield v Bradford (7.45).

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Birmingham).

Answers from page 43

ZYKLON

(b) Hydrogen cyanide adsorbed [sic] on, or released from, a carrier in the form of small tablets, used as a fumigant and formerly as a poison gas. An adaptation of the Greek word, which is of unknown etymology. *The Times:* "He was tried and acquitted at Nuremberg in 1948 for supplying the SS with Zyklon-B gas."

SE

(b) A 25-stringed plucked instrument, somewhat similar to the zither, from Chinese music. This ancient instrument was *already widely used* during the Spring and Warring States period (770-476 BC). The number of strings was not fixed in ancient times. "The Se (Che) is a horizontal psaltery, curved above and flat below. There are 25 silk strings stretched along the body."

SOLLICKER

(a) Something very big, a whopper, Australian slang, also *soliker*, of unknown origin. *"You can jump down, can't you?* You're quite big, you know." "Of course he can. He's a sollicker."

THURINGER

(a) A German summer sausage, from Thuringia, a region of central Germany, formerly a principality. "Thuringer (fresh summer sausage), 120lbs regular beef trimmings, 40lbs beef heart, 60lbs chuck, 80lbs regular pork trimmings."

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Kinane to take Tamure ride after Dettori's ban

By Dick Hinder

MICHAEL KINANE is poised to ride Tamure in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday after Frankie Dettori was yesterday banned for ten days for irresponsible riding.

The champion jockey, ruled out from Saturday until Wednesday October 25, has until tomorrow morning to lodge an appeal, but that is unlikely.

Dettori left Portman Square tight-lipped after the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee had found him guilty of his third offence of the season. His legal representative, Rachel Hood, John Gosden's wife, would give no indication as to whether she would contest the decision. "We have no comment to make," she said.

She would have to demonstrate that the penalty is unreasonable or excessive for the disciplinary review committee to consider holding a second hearing and an unsuccessful appeal would threaten Dettori's chances of riding at the Breeders' Cup.

Dettori was referred to the Jockey Club for his riding of *La Alla Wa Asa in the Caroni* Maiden Stakes at Pontefract nine days ago. The committee found that in making a move between Caddican and Ihtimaam he interfered with the former through irresponsible riding "in that it should have been obvious to him that there was not enough room for such a manoeuvre".

Dettori's suspension is the most severe of his career. Although it rules him out of Newmarket on Saturday, he is free to partner Presenting in the Rothmans International at Toronto on Sunday because there is no Flat racing in Britain.

He would also miss the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on October 21 and would return to action just two days before the Breeders' Cup in New York.

Gosden yesterday seemed resigned to losing the services of his stable jockey this Saturday. "I'm sure Kinane will ride Tamure," the trainer said. "The horse is in great form but I wouldn't want the ground to dry up too much. He breezed seven furlongs this morning and went very well."

Tamure is a 5-2 chance for the Champion Stakes with Ladbrokes behind their 9-4 favourite, Bahri. Other prices: 4-1 Riyadian, Spectrum, 10-1 Flemensfirth, 14-1 Fahal, Germany, 16-1 bar.

Sean McCarthy, 22, had his licence withdrawn for two months after becoming the first jockey in Britain to provide a positive drug test. The 7lb claiming apprentice, based with the Lambourn trainer, Kevin McAuliffe, was charged under the drugs protocol introduced a year ago.

The disciplinary committee were satisfied that a urine sample supplied by McCarthy at *Folkestone on* August 15 contained two banned substances, *cannabinoids and* amphetamine (cannabis and speed). They banned McCarthy and added that he must complete a satisfactory medical before getting his licence back.

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Nap: TARAWA
(4.15 Newmarket)
Next best: Blue Iris
(3.25 Redcar)

Kinane takes over on Tamure in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday

Cayman Kai can capture Trophy

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
CHANNEL 4

2.35: **Daraydan** was bought from John Oxx's yard as a pacemaker for Celtic Swing in the Irish Derby. He probably failed to stay two miles on his first run in this country, and looks leniently treated. Polydamas shaped as though this trip was within his compass when staying on to win at Sandown, and may prove best of the remainder.

3.10: Sweet Nature showed much improved form when winning on the all-weather at Wolverhampton 12 days ago. Lady Caroline Lamb has claims with her feather weight, but pulls hard and may not last home on her first run beyond five furlongs. Preference is for **Lunar Mist**, who came with a telling late challenge to beat Swynford Dream here a fortnight ago.

3.40: **Harayir**, the 1,000 Guineas winner, put up a fine performance considering both going and trip were against her when fourth to Cool Jazz at Ascot last month, and is confidently expected to reverse the form. Red Carnival may well have won with a clear run here two weeks ago, and she is preferred to the consistent Emperor Jones, who may be best over a mile.

4.15: Connections of Tarawa attempted to land a major gamble at Ascot on Saturday, and he performed well considering he was running on the unfavoured middle of the track. He will be thereabouts if those exertions have not taken their toll. **Waldo** has not won this year, but has run respectably on unsuitably soft ground on his last two starts, and can gain an overdue success.

REDCAR
CHANNEL 4

2.55: Percy Braithwaite set a suicidal gallop at York last week, and is likely to attempt to make all here. He merits respect on his early-season form, but the lightly-raced **Golden Pound** can take his measure. He pulled too hard when tried over 1¼ miles at Haydock last month, but is well handicapped judged on his previous head second to Strumming at Ripon.

3.25: Meldorf will be popular here, especially with Michael Kinane in the saddle, but he proved little when winning a Newcastle maiden on his debut, and **Cayman Kai** has considerably stronger claims. Runner-up in both the Norfolk and Molecomb Stakes, he should be suited by today's extra furlong. Blue Iris has potential, but may not appreciate this firm ground.

3.55: **Green Charter** may have been unsuited by soft ground when disappointing at Nottingham last time, but showed enough on his Lingfield debut to suggest that he can take this. Awaamir has reportedly shown some ability at home and can prove best of the remainder.

ROBERT WRIGHT

REDCAR

THUNDERER
1.45 Nikita's Star
2.20 Faugeron
2.55 Golden Pound
3.25 Cayman Kai
3.55 Awaamir
4.25 Matamoros
5.00 Epagris

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.25 CAYMAN KAI.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH BEST SIS

1.45 CUB HUNTERS RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,235: 1m) (12 runners)

1 (1) 405 GALWAY BLADE 13 (T Bader) A Jarvis 9-0 J Tate 86
2 (2) 62006 LABEED 20 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 R Hills 90
3 (3) 036 NEEDLE KNOT 98 (W L Racing) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver 76
4 (10) 04050 NIKITA'S STAR 27 (B) (Nikita's Partners) D Murray Smith 9-0 M J Kinane 85
5 (4) 0400 PETREFUZ 15 (T Scothern) E Weymes 9-0 W Ryan 83
6 (5) 44265 QUALITY 15 (N Yong) W O Gorman 9-0 J Carroll 97
7 (11) 004 RECALL TO MIND 49 (Mrs M Graham) M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 82
8 (7) 45045 TAPINTIME 12 (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) P Cole 9-0 L Dettori 87
9 (9) 54063 WELCOME ROYALE 12 (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 89
10 (6) 04003 WIRE ACT 12 (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 9-0 V Slattery 74
11 (8) 003 ECSTATIC MADAM 16 (E Whitfield) B Hills 8-9 M Hills [illegible]
12 (12) 03550 LA FANDANGO 17 (Sheriff Racing) M W Easterby 8-9 L Charnock 84

BETTING: 4-1 Labeed, 5-1 Needle Knot, Quality, 6-1 Ecstatic Madam, Welcome Royale, 8-1 Recall To Mind, Tapintime, 10-1 others.

1994: FIRST BITE 9-0 W Ryan (11-2) J Dunlop 8 ran

2.20 LESLIE PETCH MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£5,703: 1m 6f 19yd) (4 runners)

1 (4) 111331 TRAZL 19 (CD,F,G) (Hesmonds Stud) J Dunlop 3-9-10 G Carter 95
2 (3) 40444 PROPHETS HONOUR 22 (S Dinsmore) F Hazlam 3-9-7 J D Smith (5) 91
3 (1) 232110 TOP LADY 11 (S) (Lord Weinstock & S Weinstock) M Stoute 3-9-5 L Dettori 97
4 (2) 112386 FAUGERON 5 (D,F,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 6-9-11 M J Kinane [illegible]

BETTING: 4-5 Trazl, 7-4 Top Lady, 10-1 Prophets Honour, 16-1 Faugeron.

1994: SHADOWS OF SILVER 5-9-4 K Darley (100-30) Mrs M Reveley 8 ran

2.55 TEES COMPONENTS HANDICAP
C4
(£4,413: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (3) 320011 EMPTY QUARTER 9 (C,D,F,G) (A Bul Habib) J Gosden 3-10-2 (5ex) L Dettori 93
2 (1) 004258 PERCY BRAITHWAITE 8 (B,F) (B Yeardley Cont) M Johnston 3-9-8 J Weaver 87
3 (12) 211300 HAKIKA 29 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 3-9-8 R Hills 89
4 (15) 521230 PENNYCAIRN 30 (D,F) (Sir David Wills) H Cecil 3-9-5 W Ryan 89
5 (4) 21600 TERTIUM 27 (D,F) (Mrs C Waters) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-3 B Doyle 87
6 (6) 151030 ADMIRALS FLAME 29 (D,F,S) (W Grubmuller) C Wall 4-9-1 G Duffield 88
7 (5) 0320 GOLDEN POUND 20 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-9-0 M Hills 89
8 (13) 152100 SPANISH VERDICT 9 (C,D,F,G,S) (Cox & Allen) Denys Smith 8-8-13 C Teague (5) 91
9 (14) 180530 FLASHY'S SON 26 (C,F,G) (K Lee) G Moore 7-8-13 J Tate 91
10 (11) 410-500 BRIDGE OF FIRE 9 (F) (E Incisa) E Incisa 3-8-9 Kim Tinkler 84
11 (9) 000000 IMPULSIVE AIR 11 (V,G) (T Scothern) E Weymes 3-8-0 Dale Gibson 90
12 (2) 132560 ELITE RACING 10 (D,F) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 3-8-0 G Carter [illegible]
13 (7) 441200 THATCHED 5 (CD,F) (J Garbutt) R Barr 5-7-12 A Mackay 97
14 (10) 006300 BALLARD RING 5 (D,F) (J Pickard) J Wainwright 4-7-7 N Kennedy 87
15 (8) 200053 MBULWA 8 (D,F,G,S) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) R Fahey 9-7-7 L Charnock 88

Long handicap: Ballard Ring 7-4, Mbulwa 7-1

BETTING: 5-2 Empty Quarter, 5-1 Pennycairn, 8-1 Percy Braithwaite, Golden Pound, 10-1 Hakika, Tertium, Spanish Verdict, 14-1 others.

1994: SEGALA 3-8-11 G Duffield (8-1) M Prescott 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMPTY QUARTER beat Monaassib head in 4-runner conditions race here (7f, firm). PENNYCAIRN neck and short-head 3rd of 13 to Alkateb in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. ADMIRAL'S FLAME 1½l 3rd of 6 to King Chestnut in handicap at Ayr (1m, good to firm). GOLDEN POUND head 2nd of 5 to Strumming in maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. FLASHY'S SON 2½l 3rd of 19 to Knobbleeneeze in handicap at Doncaster (7f, good) on penultimate start. MBULWA 5½l 3rd of 13 to Sheer Danzig in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good) with PERCY BRAITHWAITE (3lb worse off) 4½l 6th. Selection: EMPTY QUARTER

3.25 REDCAR TWO-YEAR-OLD TROPHY
C4
(£81,824: 6f) (26 runners)

1 (19) 313 SOVEREIGN'S CROWN 13 (D,S) (Hesmonds Stud) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 89
2 (8) 311104 GOTHENBERG 57 (D,F,G) (B Yeardley Continental) M Johnston 8-13 J Weaver 80
3 (16) 1 MELDORF 15 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-12 M J Kinane 78
4 (5) 232421 CAYMAN KAI 33 (F,S) (I Wight) R Hannon 8-9 M Roberts [illegible]
5 (13) 024 ARCTIC ZIPPER 16 (B) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 8-7 J Carroll 72
6 (11) 420 NEEDHAM STAR 32 (L Madden) P Kelleway 8-7 G Duffield 86
7 (24) 110220 PRINCE ASLIA 33 (F) (Mrs R Daniels) M Johnston 8-7 T Williams 89
8 (22) 02 SCHOOL BOY 15 (Old School House Racing Ltd) C Allen 8-7 S Davies 87
9 (1) 6154 SHANIKO 33 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) P Chapple-Hyam 8-7 W Ryan 83
10 (25) 5 VENI VIDI VICI 9 (R Bickel) M Heaton-Ellis 8-7 J Tate 85
11 (6) 3104 WHAT FUN 5 (F) (Noodles Racing) R Hannon 8-7 R Perham 83
12 (20) 12 BABSY BABE 27 (C,F) (Mrs C Bloom) J Quinn 8-5 Dale Gibson 86
13 (21) 212335 ATRAF 26 (F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 8-4 R Hills 91
14 (9) 132131 DANKESTON 50 (V,C,F) (L Gaucci) M Bell 8-4 M Fenton 86
15 (15) 2130 FLYING NORTH 47 (D,F) (Dr G Meredith) Mrs M Reveley 8-4 D McKeown 75
16 (10) 345062 THERHEA 17 (B) (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 8-4 K Fallon 78
17 (26) 11 ANTHELIA 28 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 8-2 M Hills 91
18 (14) 11 BLUE IRIS 89 (G) (M Jarvis) M Jarvis 8-2 P Robinson 98
19 (18) 212 PRANCING 28 (BF,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) D Loder 8-2 G Carter 92
20 (17) 43460 GALAPINO 31 (The Dayspring Company Ltd) C Brittain 8-1 B Doyle 78
21 (3) 1135 BAIZE 56 (F) (Lady Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 7-13 T Sprake 94
22 (4) 3414 BEWITCHING 46 (D,F) (P Dalby) J Toller 7-13 S Sanders 88
23 (12) 158430 KANDAVU 89 (G) (Mrs H Carr) M McCormack 7-13 N Carlisle 84
24 (23) 332120 RED RIVER VALLEY 26 (CD,F) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 7-12 L Charnock 87
25 (7) 60144 SUPREME POWER 23 (B,F) (A de V Patrick) W Muir 7-12 C Rutter 83
26 (2) 16 LA VOLTA 33 (F) (Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber) J FitzGerald 7-10 J Quinn 80

BETTING: 5-1 Meldorf, 6-1 Cayman Kai, 8-1 Sovereign's Crown, 12-1 Gothenberg, 14-1 Baize, Prince Aslia, Anthelia, 16-1 others.

1994: MAID FOR WALKING 7-13 D Harrison (7-1) D Loder 26 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOVEREIGN'S CROWN 2l 3rd of 8 to Even Top in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). GOTHENBERG 4½l 4th of 5 to Royal Applause in group II Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good to firm). MELDORF beat Hoh Returns 4l in 11-runner maiden at Newcastle (6f, good). CAYMAN KAI beat Mubhij ¾l in 8-runner group II Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster (5f, good to soft) with PRINCE ASLIA (2lb better off) 2½l 7th. NEEDHAM STAR 4l 8th of 13 to Priory Belle in group I Moyglare Stud Stakes at The Curragh (7f, good). SCHOOL BOY 2l 2nd of 9 to Sylva Paradise in maiden at Folkestone (6f, soft). SHANIKO 5½l 4th of 8 to King Of The East in conditions race at Doncaster (6f, good to soft) with LA VOLTA (2lb better off) 1l 6th. BABSY BABE ¾l 2nd of 9 to Olmhatalkragh in conditions race at Ayr (5f, good). DANKESTON beat Modern Day head in conditions race here (7f, good to firm). THERHEA 4l 2nd of 10 to Celandine in maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). ANTHELIA beat PRANCING (2lb better off) neck in 6-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, good). BLUE IRIS beat NEEDHAM STAR (2lb worse off) 3½l in 17-runner Weatherbys Super Sprint at Newbury (5f, good) with KANDAVU (1lb better off) 16½l 13th. BAIZE 5l 5th of 9 to Dance Sequence in group II Lowther Stakes at York (6f, good to firm). BEWITCHING 3l 4th of 6 to Bint Shadayid in group III Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). Selection: CAYMAN KAI

3.55 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN STAKES
C4
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,549: 7f) (12 runners)

1 (1) AWAAMIR (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11 R Hills —
2 (3) 5 CLASSIC AFFAIR 14 (Classic Bloodstock Plc) S Williams 8-11 A Mackay 78
3 (6) 50 DELLA CASA 19 (Sultan Al Kabeer) J Dunlop 8-11 G Duffield 86
4 (8) DOMUSKY (C Castle) F O'Mahony 8-11 A Culhane —
5 (10) 0 FAIRYWINGS 12 (L and A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 K Fallon 91
6 (7) 0 FLIGHTY 23 (Lord Hartington) L Cumani 8-11 L Dettori —
7 (5) 40 GREEN CHARTER 23 (BF) (E Hinojosa) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 98
8 (11) JAMRAT JUMAIRAH (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-11 M J Kinane —
9 (12) 0 KUDOS BLUE 91 (M Bebb) J Bethell 8-11 J Carroll —
10 (9) 00 SHADY GIRL 19 (J Lee) B Hills 8-11 J Weaver 90
11 (2) 336 STAR AND GARTER 23 (Exors of Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11 M Hills [illegible]
12 (4) 5 STRATEGIC PLOY 15 (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 M Deering 75

BETTING: 3-1 Awaamir, 4-1 Green Charter, 9-2 Star And Garter, 6-1 Shady Girl, 10-1 Fairywings, Jamrat Jumairah, Strategic Ploy, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

AWAAMIR (foaled Apr 2). By Green Desert, second foal: dam fairly useful 1m/1m2f winner at three years. CLASSIC AFFAIR 6l 5th of 11 to Norwegian Blue in maiden at Lingfield (6f, soft). FAIRYWINGS 8½l 11th of 17 to Polish Spring in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). GREEN CHARTER 5¾l 4th of 9 to Mezzogiorno in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start with DELLA CASA 5l 5th. JAMRAT JUMAIRAH (cost 28,000gns, foaled May 10). Polar Falcon half-sister to high-class miler Waajib; dam useful 1m2f winner in Ireland. STAR AND GARTER 10l 6th of 23 to Thracian in maiden at Nottingham (6f, good to soft) with GREEN CHARTER 1l 9th and FLIGHTLY 9l 11th. No selection

4.25 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,940: 1m 5f 135yd) (13 runners)

1 (1) 00-2063 MATAMOROS 16 (M Lanfranchi) J Dunlop 3-9-10 M J Kinane 94
2 (12) 006541 PRETORIA DANCER 8 (B,C,F) (A Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-9-10 (5ex) L Dettori 92
3 (2) 0550 REAGANESQUE 23 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-9-3 R Hills 85
4 (13) 021130 GREEN LAND 30 (F,G) (Mrs V Vidal) S Williams 3-9-2 K Fallon 89
5 (10) 423436- PEPITIST 152J (The Gemini Partnership 2) M Hammond 4-8-11 J Carroll 85
6 (7) 0-65 ALIOLI 17 (T Corby) M Ryan 3-7-12 DOUBTFUL —
7 (8) 152430 LINDISFARNE LADY 30 (C,F) (Ken Matthews Rac'g) Mrs M Reveley 3-7-9 L Charnock 91
8 (5) 012550 PHILMIST 28 (B) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 3-7-9 N Kennedy 98
9 (3) 0-00522 MARONETTA 16 (Mrs S Martin) M Ryan 3-7-7 DOUBTFUL —
10 (4) 040605 ISLAND CASCADE 20 (E Incisa) E Incisa 3-7-7 Kim Tinkler 95
11 (9) 454206 WESTERN HORIZON 14 (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 3-7-7 J Quinn [illegible]
12 (6) 400345 LIGHTNING QUEST 19J (B,F) (J Pickard) J Wainwright 4-7-7 A Mackay 89
13 (11) 301200 IJAB 26 (G) (Mrs L Parkes) J Parkes 5-7-7 J Lowe 90

Long handicap: Island Cascade 7-5, Western Horizon 7-5, Lightning Quest 7-4, Ijab 7-1.

BETTING: 6-4 Pretoria Dancer, 4-1 Matamoros, 6-1 Green Land, 8-1 Reaganesque, 10-1 Western Horizon, 12-1 others.

1994: FIRST BID 7-9-9 A Culhane (4-1 fav) R Whitaker 14 ran

5.00 EGTON CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: (£5,863: 7f) (3 runners)

1 (2) 0-30210 MOON KING 19 (D,F,S) (M Suneil) R Hannon 9-3 J Weaver 86
2 (3) 510236 EPAGRIS 12 (D,G) (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 9-2 M J Kinane [illegible]
3 (1) 520000 SUE'S RETURN 12 (G) (A Morton) A Jarvis 8-8 J Tate 97

BETTING: 4-7 Epagris, 5-4 Moon King, 14-1 Sue's Return.

1994: MADARY 8-9 B Doyle (5-1) C Brittain 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
E Dunlop	3	8	37.5	M Hills	11	42	26.2
D Loder	6	17	35.3	G Duffield	20	113	17.7
G Wragg	5	18	27.8	W Ryan	15	86	17.4
J Gosden	15	59	25.4	L Dettori	11	67	16.4
J Dunlop	11	44	25.0	R Hills	12	83	14.5
R Hannon	7	30	23.3	G Carter	8	61	13.1

THUNDERER
1.30 Bal Harbour
2.00 Lydhurst
2.35 Polydamas
3.10 Lady Caroline Lamb
3.40 HARAYIR (nap)
4.15 Tarawa
4.50 Silver Dome

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Lydhurst. 3.10 Sweet Nature. 4.50 SILVER DOME (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.30 NGK SPARK PLUGS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£8,767: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

101 (8) 121413 BUROOJ 19 (CD,F,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 5-9-12 W Carson 96
102 (3) 021026 CADEAUX TRYST 19 (C,F,G) (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-9-1 W R Swinburn 97
103 (4) 0-34422 BAL HARBOUR 34 (G,F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-0 Pat Eddery [illegible]
104 (7) 043213 WARNING ORDER 19 (D,F,G,S) (I Cameron) J Dunlop 3-9-0 K Darley 94
105 (2) 412200 AMRAK AJEEB 12 (D,F,G) (A Merza) B Hanbury 3-8-12 M Rimmer 83
106 (1) 330221 OUT ON A PROMISE 36 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Manfiss) G Wragg 3-8-12 W Woods 81
107 (9) 41-66 FINAL APPEARANCE 13 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10 J Reid 92
108 (5) 446262 THAT OLD FEELING 23 (F) (B Lalemant) R Hannon 3-8-8 R Cochrane 81
109 (6) 2-14664 PITCROY 12 (D,S) (Sir David Wills) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 D Harrison 91

BETTING: 11-4 Bal Harbour, 3-1 Burooj, 5-1 Warning Order, 8-1 Cadeaux Tryst, Pitcroy, Out On A Promise, That Old Feeling, 10-1 others.

1994: GARDEN OF HEAVEN 5-9-3 M Roberts (13-2) C Brittain 7 ran

2.00 BUCKENHAM SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,815: 7f) (27 runners)

201 (15) 262030 ARLINGTON LADY 37 (F) (J Bostock) N Callaghan 8-11 G Hind 92
202 (22) 0 BILLADDIE 16 (R Gale) R Boss 8-11 N Varley (3) 74
203 (24) 00 DANCING MAN 14 (Miss L Martin) Mrs M Long 8-11 N Adams —
204 (27) 0125 DOMETTES 80 (BF,F) (Albion Investments) R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (5) 82
205 (10) 60 ESPERTO 101 (Mrs A Holman-Chappell) J Pearce 8-11 G Bardwell 81
206 (17) 4 EUROBOX BOY 15 (N Coverdale) A Jarvis 8-11 J Stack (3) 92
207 (13) 0652 EVEN HANDED 13 (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-11 A Clark [illegible]
208 (8) 00 FURTHER FUTURE 9 (J Berry) John Berry 8-11 M Rimmer —
209 (12) 421402 HURRICANE DANCER 14 (D,F) (A Ruttley) S Woods 8-11 W Woods 84
210 (23) ISITOFF (Rochford Racing Ltd) C Dwyer 8-11 C Dwyer —
211 (1) 300625 LAUGHING BUCCANEER 23 (B) (P Drew) B Meehan 8-11 W R Swinburn 86
212 (11) 0 LYDHURST 18 (V) (Lunayen Stud) D Loder 8-11 Pat Eddery 86
213 (4) 000 NO MORE HASSLE 10 (The No Hassle Partnership) Mrs M Reveley 8-11 K Darley 77
214 (26) 506184 PRINCESS PAMGADDY 9 (D,G) (Theobalds Stud) J Berry 8-11 P Fessey (5) 85
215 (18) 50 SHARP SHUFFLE 47 (Mrs H Prendergast) R Hannon 8-11 J Reid —
216 (7) 0 SHEATH KEFAAH 37 (A Al Jafleh) W Haggas 8-11 W Carson 92
217 (3) 00 SIGNS R US 44 (Mrs S Scargill) J Scargill 8-11 D Wright (3) —
218 (5) 431100 SPIRITO LIBRO 14 (F) (Camelot Racing) C Allen 8-11 M Henry (5) 90
219 (21) 38045 STRONZ 15 (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 8-11 D Harrison 86
220 (14) 0 SUPER BARON 15 (B Schmidt-Bodner) R Hannon 8-11 S Whitworth —
221 (16) 545303 APARTMENTS ABROAD 9 (P Barclay) K McAuliffe 8-6 R Cochrane 83
222 (6) 0000 ESKIMO KISS 14 (Mrs A Scott) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6 M Tebbutt 86
223 (25) 03654 GOLDEN SILVER 29 (D Spinckland) J Moore 8-6 J F Egan 80
224 (2) 0600 HERALD ANGEL 37 (Herald Newspapers Ltd) M Tompkins 8-6 J Gotobed (7) 60
225 (20) MANDAPAN (S Woods) S Woods 8-6 C Webb (7) —
226 (9) ON THE WILDSIDE (W Ponsonby) M Channon 8-6 P P Murphy (5) —
227 (19) 062686 RED MISTY 12 (Flaring Nostrils Partnership) M Channon 8-6 Paul Eddery 90

BETTING: 8-1 Even Handed, 7-1 Lydhurst, Laughing Buccaneer, 9-1 Eurobox Boy, 10-1 Arlington Lady, 12-1 Spirito Libro, Stronz, 14-1 others.

1994: PETNADIA 8-6 L Dettori (6-1) D Loder 30 ran

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.00 Lydhurst. 2.35 Edbaysaan. 4.15 Astral Weeks. REDCAR: 1.45 Nikita's Star. 3.25 Arctic Zipper, Therhea. TAUNTON: 2.45 Fichu. 5.25 Balasara, Jameswick.

2.35 GREENE KING RATED HANDICAP
C4
(£8,511: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

301 (2) 111440 SON OF SHARP SHOT 18 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower Inc) J Dunlop 5-9-7 Pat Eddery [illegible]
302 (3) 2/40-162 EDBAYSAAN 42 (B,D,F,G,S) (E Bin Mubarak) R Akehurst 5-9-2 R Cochrane 96
303 (10) 002010 GLIDE PATH 11 (D,F,G) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 6-9-1 W R Swinburn 95
304 (8) 00141-5 ACTING BRAVE 106 (CD,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 4-8-13 A Clark 90
305 (9) 0-41030 NAKED WELCOME 12 (C,F,G) (Most Welcome Pnrs) M F-Godley 3-8-9 J Reid 95
306 (1) 0-40014 WHITECHAPEL 18 (D,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 7-8-9 D Harrison 96
307 (6) 11304 DARAYDAN 12 (D,G) (P Savill) Lady Herries 3-8-9 K Darley 90
308 (5) 2-00401 SECKAR VALE 16 (CD,G,S) (J Hanson) B Hills 3-7-13 W Carson 95
309 (7) 2-02021 POLYDAMAS 84 (F) (A Christodoulou) M Stoute 3-7-13 J F Egan 96
310 (4) 004301 DAHLING 14 (B,CD,F,G) (R Green) S Sherwood 3-7-13 M Henry (5) 96

Long handicap: Polydamas 7-11, Dahling 7-10.

BETTING: 7-2 Seckar Vale, 4-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 6-1 Whitechapel, Polydamas, 8-1 Daraydan, 10-1 others.

1994: ACTING BRAVE 3-8-3 A Clark (14-1) G Harwood 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SON OF SHARP SHOT 2½l 4th of 21 to Sanmartino in Tote Ebor at York (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start with WHITECHAPEL 18l 13th. NAKED WELCOME 2½l 3rd of 4 to Tikkanen in listed race at York (1m 1f, good to firm). WHITECHAPEL 4l 4th to Taufan's Melody in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, soft) with SON OF SHARP SHOT (5lb better off) 4½l 9th. SECKAR VALE beat Jameel Asmar neck in handicap over course and distance (good). POLYDAMUS beat Step Aloft ¾l in maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). Selection: SECKAR VALE

3.10 SPORTING LIFE NURSERY HANDICAP
C4
(2-Y-O: £8,155: 6f) (18 runners)

401 (10) 410 PRIMA VOLTA 18 (D,G) (Boardroom Syndicate) R Hannon 9-7 Dane O'Neill (5) 95
402 (18) 125210 WHITE EMIR 26 (BF,F,S) (N Stafford) B Meehan 9-6 W R Swinburn 98
403 (6) 3521 REPATRIATE 12 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-6 J Reid 91
404 (12) 001320 CLINCHER CLUB 20 (F) (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 9-0 W Woods 97
405 (7) 023004 EXTRA HOUR 17 (M Payton) W Muir 8-13 K Darley 87
406 (1) 1103 LITTLE NOGGINS 14 (D,F) (M Hall) C Dwyer 8-13 Martin Dwyer (7) 94
407 (15) 5430 SECRET PLEASURE 15 (Mrs S Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 8-12 Pat Eddery 85
408 (3) 104111 LUNAR MIST 14 (C,D,G) (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 8-12 R Havlin (5) 96
409 (14) 55103 STOP PLAY 84 (BF,G) (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-10 R Cochrane 92
410 (2) 201 SWEET NATURE 12 (D,G) (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 8-6 W Carson 94
411 (13) 320146 STANDOWN 8 (F,S) (Mrs C Denters) J Berry 8-5 P Fessey (5) [illegible]
412 (17) 135433 DEERLY 10 (D,G) (Mrs C Holder) D Morris 8-2 Paul Eddery 97
413 (4) 224162 WEETMAN'S WEIGH 10 (F) (Ed Weetman Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-1 M Henry (5) 98
414 (5) 0425 ASKING FOR KINGS 14 (Mrs G Smith) S Dow 7-13 J F Egan 92
415 (8) 02532 AGAIN TOGETHER 22 (C Petwick) N Callaghan 7-13 G Bardwell 94
416 (16) 220416 WHERE'S MARGARET 14 (B,D,S) (G P Pritchard) G Lewis 7-13 N Adams 95
417 (11) 412466 LADY CAROLINE LAMB 19 (F) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 7-12 F Norton 97
418 (9) 140600 FOREMAN 24 (B,C,G) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 7-7 M Baird (5) 93

Long handicap: Foreman 7-5

BETTING: 9-2 Lunar Mist, 7-1 Repatriate, 10-1 Prima Volta, Sweet Nature, Deerly, Little Noggins, 12-1 others.

1994: WARDARA 7-7 L Charnock (12-1) Miss G Kelleway 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

REPATRIATE beat Chalice 2l in maiden at Haydock (5f, soft). LUNAR MIST beat Swynford Dream ½l in nursery here (5f, good) with LITTLE NOGGINS 1¼l 4th and STANDOWN 3l 4th. STOP PLAY 7l 3rd to Westcourt Magic in nursery at Beverley (5f, good to firm). SWEET NATURE beat Thordis 3l in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). WEETMAN'S WEIGH head 2nd to Golden Pond in nursery at Pontefract (6f, good to firm) with DEERLY ¾l 3rd. AGAIN TOGETHER ¾l 2nd to Times Of Times in claimer at Brighton (7f, good). Selection: REPATRIATE

3.40 CHALLENGE STAKES
C4
(Group II: £35,721: 7f) (8 runners)

501 (8) 21-1343 SOVIET LINE 19 (D,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 5-9-4 W R Swinburn 94
502 (7) 103510 COOL JAZZ 11 (F,S) (S Manana) C Brittain 4-9-0 K Darley [illegible]
503 (3) 245-144 EMPEROR JONES 47 (CD,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 5-9-0 Pat Eddery 92
504 (4) 212429 MISTLE CAT 61 (D,G,S) (P Chu) S Woods 5-9-0 W Woods 95
505 (6) 533114 HARAYIR 18 (C,D,F) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-12 W Carson 98
506 (1) 121558 SHAHID 12 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-11 R Cochrane 93
507 (2) 1-30602 AUTUMN AFFAIR 8 (S) (R Richards) C Brittain 3-8-8 D Harrison 80
508 (5) 11-32 RED CARNIVAL 14 (C,BF,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-8 J Reid 94

BETTING: 7-4 Harayir, 5-2 Red Carnival, 4-1 Emperor Jones, 6-1 Soviet Line, 10-1 Cool Jazz, 14-1 others.

1994: ZIETEN 4-9-0 L Dettori (13-2) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOVIET LINE 11l 3rd of 6 to Bahri in group I Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot (1m, good). COOL JAZZ beat Young Em short-head in 15-runner group III Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, soft) on penultimate start with HARAYIR (2lb better off) short-head and ¾l 4th. HARAYIR beat Darnay ½l in 6-runner group II Triptych Celebration Mile at Goodwood (1m, good to firm) with EMPEROR JONES (1lb better off) 3l 4th and SHAHID (2lb worse off) 5l 5th. SHAHID best effort beat MISTLE CAT 1l in 7-runner group III Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). AUTUMN AFFAIR 1l 2nd of 10 to A La Carte in listed race at Ascot (1m, soft). RED CARNIVAL 2l 2nd of 13 to Bin Rosie in listed race here (1m, good). Selection: HARAYIR (nap)

4.15 MILCARS LEASING HANDICAP
C4
(£3,890: 1m) (22 runners)

601 (4) 030500 SOTOBOY 23 (F) (Mrs M Hollis) P Harris 3-9-10 G Hind 97
602 (12) 013 TARAWA 5 (D,BF,S) (Mrs J Callaghan) N Callaghan 3-9-10 Pat Eddery 97
603 (13) 40-358 WILLIE CONQUER 12 (R Tooth) R Akehurst 3-9-8 M Henry (5) 85
604 (11) 223211 AZDIHAAR 12 (G,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-8 W Carson 85
605 (16) 440506 AEROKING 12 (G) (The PBT Group) G Harwood 4-9-7 A Clark 97
606 (20) 038400 REVEREND THICKNESS 12 (B,G,S) (Wansley Pnrs) S Williams 4-9-5 K Darley 97
607 (14) 021/100 FLOWING OCEAN 48 (D,G,S) (F Al-Hassar) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-5 S Whitworth 87
608 (19) 601U00 MOUNTGATE 19 (G) (J Coupland) M Bielby 3-9-0 R Cochrane 93
609 (8) 132415 GUESSTIMATION 5 (C,D,F,G,S) (Quintet Pnrs) J Pearce 6-9-0 S Drowne (3) [illegible]
610 (2) 04-40 DUCKING 9 (Mrs D Wigan) J Fanshawe 3-8-13 W R Swinburn 85
611 (3) 623335 WALDO 12 (V,D,F) (G Greenwood) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-12 D Harrison 98
612 (9) 3232 FLIRTY GERTIE 28 (BF) (Mrs G Boss) R Boss 3-8-11 J Reid 92
613 (22) 0530 ZELDA ZONK 12 (Mrs C Painting) B Meehan 3-8-10 Paul Eddery 92
614 (1) 000000 ASTRAL WEEKS 29 (B,F,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-8-9 Dane O'Neill (5) 86
615 (17) 0-03 GOLDEN TOUCH 23 (Mrs R Godfrey) R Champion 3-8-6 P McCabe (3) 92
616 (6) 434150 CRIMSON SHOWER 34 (D,G) (Mrs D Russell) J Fanshawe 3-8-1 N Varley (3) 88
617 (7) 034033 SALTANDO 6 (Mrs S Harridge) Pat Mitchell 4-7-13 J F Egan 95
618 (21) 323500 AVISHAYES 20 (CD,F,G) (P Davidson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 8-7-7 G Bardwell 90
619 (5) 300620 MIGHTY KINGDOM 30 (D,F) (J Purcell) C Dwyer 4-7-7 Martin Dwyer (7) 93
620 (15) 40000-0 BROUGHTON'S PORT 28 (Lord Rowallan) W Musson 5-7-7 N Adams 82
621 (10) 005145 BENJARONG 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Brown) R McKellar 3-7-7 P Fessey (5) 90
622 (18) 600050 BALLESTRO 75J (Joint Venture Racing) J Ffitch-Heyes 3-7-7 D Wright (3) 78

Long handicap: Mighty Kingdom 7-5, Broughton's Port 7-2, Benjarong 7-1, Ballestro 6-7.

BETTING: 6-1 Tarawa, 7-1 Azdihaar, 8-1 Guesstimation, 10-1 Willie Conquer, Flirty Gertie, 12-1 Waldo, 14-1 others.

1994: TOUJOURS RIVIERA 4-9-5 S Lanigan (10-1) J Pearce 29 ran

FORM FOCUS

TARAWA 2½l 3rd of 22 to Night Dance in handicap at Ascot (1m, soft). AZDIHAAR beat Chantry Bellini 2½l in 12-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, soft) with BENJARONG (5lb better off) 4¾l 5th. GUESSTIMATION about 1½l 5th of 25 to Seventeens Lucky in handicap at York (1m 1f, good). WALDO about 4l 5th of 13 to Tribal Peace in apprentices handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft) with AEROKING 1l 6th. FLIRTY GERTIE 3l 2nd of 19 to Heathyards Lady in handicap at Catterick (7f, good). GOLDEN TOUCH 4l 3rd of 12 to Wild Palm in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to soft). Selection: TARAWA

4.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £7,925: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (5) 3 BOWLED OVER 14 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 Paul Eddery 90
2 (7) CENSOR (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 A McGlone —
3 (10) ELASHATH (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 W Carson —
4 (8) FLOCHECK (Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0 R Cochrane —
5 (9) 0 HAYAAIN 14 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 M Perrett 85
6 (3) MOHANNAD (Z Galadari) J Hills 9-0 W Newnes —
7 (13) 0 ORINOCO RIVER 16 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid [illegible]
8 (4) 0 PRINCE KINSKY 61 (Mrs J Hislop) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 D Harrison 93
9 (6) PROSPERO (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 D Griffiths —
10 (14) 50 ROBAMASET 25 (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-0 K Darley 93
11 (11) SACHO (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 W R Swinburn —
12 (15) SILVER DOME (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery —
13 (1) SUITOR (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt —
14 (2) 5 THREE HILLS 22 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 A Clark 78
15 (12) VILLAGE KING (N Ahamad) R Hannon 9-0 S Whitworth —

BETTING: 7-4 Silver Dome, 6-1 Censor, 7-1 Sacho, 8-1 Orinoco River, Elashath, 10-1 Hayaain, 12-1 Flocheck, 14-1 others.

1994: VETTORI 9-0 M J Kinane (5-1) H Cecil 25 ran

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft, good in places

2.00 (5f) 1, Charterhouse Xpres (N Varley, 20-1); 2, Precious Girl (7-1); 3, Hear The Music (5-4 fav). 11 ran. 2l, 1¼l. M McCormack. Tote: £42.80; £4.60, £2.70, £1.10. DF: £132.20. Trio: £45.80. CSF: £148.80. Tricast: £280.90.

2.30 (1m 30yd) 1, Inchrory (Pat Eddery, 4-6 fav); 2, Selmes (9-4); 3, Classic Romance (9-2). 4 ran. ¾l, 8l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.51.

3.00 (6f) 1, Double Splendour (W Ryan, 8-1); 2, Be Warned (15-2); 3, Palo Blanco (9-1); 4, Knayton Lass (33-1). Sue Me 7-1 fav. 24 ran. 1¾l, sh hd. P Felgate. Tote: £10.90; £2.10, £3.50, £2.30, £15.00. DF: £196.90. Trio: £334.10. CSF: £72.94. Tricast: £540.54.

3.30 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Sebastian (Pat Eddery, 1-2 fav); 2, Mack The Knife (4-1); 3, Nash Terrace (5-1). 5 ran. 4l, 1¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.94.

4.00 (7f 30yd) 1, Polar Eclipse (J Weaver, 7-1); 2, Alessandra (2-1); 3, Spillo (13-8 fav). 9 ran. 1¾l, 9l. M Johnston. Tote: £7.30; £2.10, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £7.60. Trio: £7.40. CSF: £21.27.

4.30 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Debutante Days (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Misanguest (9-1); 3, Wild Rita (16-1); 4, Shift Again (20-1). Habeeb Alshemeal 9-2 fav. 16 ran. 2¾l, ¾l. A Stewart. Tote: £12.30; £3.10, £3.50, £2.70, £8.50. DF: £128.90. Trio: £798.70. CSF: £96.97. Tricast: £1,333.40.

5.00 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Richelieu (W Ryan, 6-1); 2, Taldit (2-1 fav); 3, Autumn Wings (10-1). 19 ran. NR: Kirkadian. Nk, 1¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £5.00; £2.10, £1.70, £4.00. DF: £7.50. Trio: £40.70. CSF: £19.76.

5.30 (7f 30yd) 1, Circled (M Hills, 10-1); 2, Name Of Our Father (7-2); 3, Fog City (100-30). Dombey 5-4 fav. 9 ran. 6l, 1¾l. B Hills. Tote: £13.70; £1.80, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £24.80. Trio: £19.70. CSF: £43.32.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £54,317.39 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £68.90. Quadpot: £80.60.

Wetherby

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Dawn Mission (L Wyer, 11-1); 2, Samaka Hara (20-1); 3, On A Pedestal (5-1). Done Well 2-1 fav. 14 ran. 1l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £16.50; £3.80, £11.70, £2.00. DF: £1,137.30. Trio: £278.70. CSF: £204.87.

2.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Vavasir (P Niven, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Kushdalay (13-2); 3, Scarf (5-1). Peruvian Gale 15-8 jt-fav (f). 5 ran. 30l, 5l. Miss L Russell. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £8.30. CSF: £11.83.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Stay Awake (P Niven, 4-1); 2, New Inn (Evens fav); 3, Bend Sable (10-1). 8 ran. 1¾l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £3.50. CSF: £9.48. Tricast: £34.34.

3.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Toogood To Be True (L Wyer, 8-4 fav); 2, De Jordaan (9-2); 3, Beaucadeau (9-2). 5 ran. 1l, 30l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.00; £1.70, £1.20. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.87.

4.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Desert Fighter (P Niven, 8-4 fav); 2, Simply Dashing (9-2); 3, Down The Fell (5-2). 12 ran. 1l, 1¼l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £4.90. Trio: £5.10. CSF: £9.68.

4.50 (3m 1f hdle) 1, South Westerly (P Niven, 4-5 fav); 2, Arttam (100-30); 3, Cherry Pokey (9-1). 4 ran. NR: Willerloss. 7l, 15l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £3.79.

Placepot: £19.20. Quadpot: £5.40.

Exeter

Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Sprung Rhythm (T J Murphy, 13-8 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Romalito (16-1); 3, Fortina's Conquest (40-1). 14 ran. 15l, 15l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.80, £14.60. DF: £9.80. Trio: £177.50. CSF: £27.65.

2.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Up The Junction (P Holley, 7-2); 2, Koo's Promise (40-1); 3, Them Times (14-1). Saxon Magic 13-8 fav. 8 ran. 2l, 5l. Mrs P Dutfield. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £8.00, £2.90. DF: £98.10. CSF: £82.42. Tricast: £1,587.96.

Remainder of meeting abandoned because of fog.

NEWMARKET: Trainers: D Loder, 19 winners from 76 runners, 25.0%; H Cecil, 57 from 297, 19.2%; J Gosden, 57 from 363, 15.7%; P Chapple-Hyam, 19 from 123, 15.4%; L Cumani, 43 from 304, 14.1%; P Cole, 28 from 204, 13.7%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 106 winners from 530 rides, 20.0%; W R Swinburn, 64 from 409, 15.6%; W Carson, 63 from 526, 12.0%; K Darley, 15 from 137, 10.9%. Only qualifiers.

TAUNTON: Trainers: Miss H Knight, 6 winners from 22 runners, 27.3%; M Pipe, 37 from 155, 23.9%; N Henderson, 6 from 27, 22.2%; P Hedger, 3 from 16, 18.8%; G Edwards, 4 from 24, 16.7%; K Bishop, 6 from 36, 16.7%. Jockeys: A P McCoy, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21.1%; D O'Sullivan, 3 from 16, 18.8%; M Foster, 5 from 30, 16.7%; D Salter, 5 from 32, 15.6%; M A Fitzgerald, 16 from 110, 14.5%.

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TAUNTON

THUNDERER
2.15 Dominion's Dream. 2.45 Northern Starlight. 3.15 Royal Saxon. 3.45 Persian Saint. 4.20 Nobiely. 4.55 Nordic Valley. 5.25 Royal Thimble.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 SUN PUNTERS CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,865: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 1211 DOMINION'S DREAM 7 (F,G,S) M Pipe 11-2 D Bridgwater
2 65 IRIE MON 31 J Hills 11-1 C Llewellyn
3 - SUILE MOR 45F B Millman 10-13 D Salter (5)
4 RFP ARKINDALE AMBER 33 R Brotherton 10-12 L Harvey
5 5 RAY RIVER 52 K Wingrove 10-9 J Ryan
6 AKOLA ANGEL 37F C Egerton 10-7 J Osborne
7 50 COAST ALONG 21 D Burchell 10-6 D J Burchell
8 - COASTGUARDS HAVEN 99F M Bolton 10-6 P Hide
9 - EPOSA 87F R Simpson 10-5 B Clifford
10 - GIMINGHAM GLORY 387F N Ayliffe 10-4 M Foster
11 0 CLUB ELITE 26 M Barraclough 10-1 Ann Stokell

4-7 Dominion's Dream, 4-1 Akola Angel, 8-1 Suile Mor, Irie Mon, 14-1 others.

2.45 DONYATT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,176: 2m 1f) (11)

1 34-1 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 21 (CD,F) P Nicholls 4-12-0 T Dascombe (7)
2 0/ MAI PEN RAI 56F R Hodges 7-12-0 J Harris (7)
3 -P03 CORRIN HILL 36 (D,F,S) R Hodges 8-11-11 R Dunwoody
4 3-60 FICHU 19 (B,F) G Thorner 7-11-10 D Bridgwater
5 50-4 ALWAYS READY 94 (F) N Mitchell 9-11-10 Sophie Mitchell (5)
6 540P LITTLE HOOLIGAN 7 (B,D,F) G Edwards 4-11-2 M Fitzgerald
7 0353 LORCANJO 20 (G) D Carey 4-11-2 B Fenton (5)
8 005 SAFE SECRET 20 R Brotherton 4-10-13 C Llewellyn
9 363F REIGNING ROYAL 20 D Burchell 4-10-11 D J Burchell
10 UP5- POWER SHARE 178 R Simpson 4-10-8 D Gallagher
11 024R NO BONUS 5 (C,F) R Baker 11-10-7 B Powell

9-4 Northern Starlight, 4-1 Corrin Hill, 5-1 Reigning Royal, 7-1 Mai Pen Rai, 8-1 Lorcanjo, 14-1 Fichu, Safe Secret, 16-1 others.

3.15 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,453: 3m) (5)

1 P1-2 STAUNCH RIVAL 123 (CD,F,G,S) G Thorner 8-12-0 M Fitzgerald
2 42-5 BOLD CHOICE 10 (F,G,S) R Frost 9-12-0 J Frost
3 1R23 ROYAL SAXON 8 (F,G,S) P Bowen 9-10-10 Mr R Johnson (5)
4 413- AGRA 159 (S) M Pipe 7-10-8 D Bridgwater
5 35F- LUCKY AGAIN 140 (C,G) C Popham 8-10-0 T Dascombe (7)

9-4 Staunch Rival, 5-2 Bold Choice, 7-2 Agra, Royal Saxon, 14-1 Lucky Again.

3.45 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,264: 2m 1f) (10)

1 1 PERSIAN SAINT 9 (D,G) D Elsworth 4-11-4 P Holley
2 4 BUSTER 21 Mrs B Waring 7-10-12 E Byrne
3 HE'S A KING 418F C Popham 5-10-12 M Fitzgerald
4 522- POINCIANA 159 Miss C Johnsey 6-10-12 A P McCoy
5 30- MISTER O'GRADY 49F R Akehurst 4-10-11 D Bridgwater
6 5226 SAN DIEGO CHARGER 21 A Barrow 4-10-11 S Burrough
7 P-4 SEA DREAMS 77 J Smith 4-10-11 P Carey (7)
8 FORMIDABLE LASS 46F L Cottrell 4-10-6 S McNeill
9 SLIP A COIN 12F D Burchell 4-10-6 D J Burchell
10 2- ST KITTS 395 W G M Turner 4-10-6 R Dunwoody

5-4 Persian Saint, 4-1 Poinciana, 8-1 Mister O'Grady, St Kitts, 10-1 others.

4.20 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,723: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 2112 TOOMUCH TOOSOON 33 (D,BF,F,G) M Pipe 7-12-0 B Powell
2 3-21 NOBLELY 20 (D,F,G,S) N Walker 8-11-7 R Dunwoody
3 029- CAPO CASTANUM 178 Miss H Knight 6-11-0 J F Titley
4 -550 EMERALD MOON 73 (F,G,S) P Redford 8-11-0 S Burrough
5 F2- RAYMAN 156 P Nicholls 7-11-0 A P McCoy
6 6-F6 CONBRIO STAR 8 Mrs C Caroe 5-10-13 I Lawrence
7 412- NORSE RAIDER 159 (G) M Pipe 5-10-13 D Bridgwater

2-1 Capo Castanum, 5-2 Nobiely, 7-2 Toomuch Toosoon, 7-1 others.

4.55 CAVENDISH TECHNOLOGY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,788: 2m 3f 110yd) (10)

1 -33U GREEN ISLAND 7 (D,F,G,S) A Dunn 9-12-0 Peter Hobbs
2 1341 NORDIC VALLEY 21 (F,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-11 D Bridgwater
3 1343 CHICKABIDDY 9 (CD,F,G) G Edwards 7-11-8 M Fitzgerald
4 016- QUASIMODO 173 (F) Miss C Johnsey 4-11-6 A P McCoy
5 042- NORDIC CROWN 106F (V,C,G,S) M Pipe 4-10-12 O Burrows (7)
6 P24- GINGER JIM 16F P Hedger 4-10-12 M Clinton (7)
7 0P-U DURHAM 96 (B,G) R Simpson 4-10-4 D Gallagher
8 16-6 JASON'S BOY 9 (C,F,S) J Bradley 5-10-4 R Farrant
9 403- J BRAND 178 (B,S) R Hodges 8-10-4 T Dascombe (7)
10 6-44 DUKE OF DREAMS 12 (F) R Baker 5-10-1 B Powell

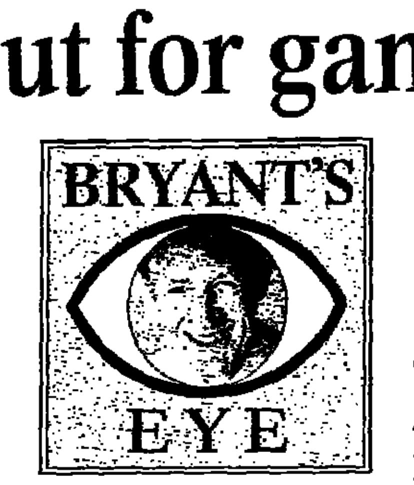
9-4 Nordic Valley, 11-4 Chickabiddy, 5-1 Green Island, Nordic Crown, 7-1 others.

5.25 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £2,264: 2m 1f) (10)

1 21-P SPEAKER'S HOUSE 14 (D,F) N Henderson 6-11-5 M Fitzgerald
2 BALASARA 16F (B) D Elsworth 5-10-12 P Holley
3 5 DISPAST 27 R O'Sullivan 5-10-12 D O'Sullivan
4 -5F4 JAMESWICK 9 (B,F) W G M Turner 5-10-12 D Bridgwater
5 LAJADHAL 65F K Bishop 5-10-12 L Harvey
6 U/0 LITTLE JOE 12 J Smith 6-10-12 R Davis
7 026- MERLINS DREAM 173 O Sherwood 5-10-12 J Osborne
8 P- WESTERN VALLEY 29F C Whittaker 5-10-7 D Salter (5)
9 5 FEVERIL PRINCESS 9 G Balding 4-10-6 A P McCoy
10 -042 ROYAL THIMBLE 7 N Chance 4-10-6 Mr R Johnson (5)

5-2 Balasara, 4-1 Merlins Dream, Royal Thimble, 6-1 Speaker's House, 8-1 others.

Time running out for game of two halves



BRYANT'S EYE

The Victorians built things to last. From water pipes to sporting codes, once they were laid down they were expected to serve their turn for a lifetime or two. So the discovery that in rugby union the Victorian ethos of "amateurism" held together (more or less) for over a century would have surprised them little. Nor would they have been shocked by the International Rugby Football Board's decision to open the door to full-scale professionalism — the founding fathers of sport in Britain were nothing if not pragmatic.

But their reaction to the present rugby league World Cup would be to ask why rugby football should bother to continue to have two codes, two variants of the same game, once the reason for the original split has vanished?

Rugby league arrived 100 years ago. The breakaway came about because the men who ran rugby union refused to admit to their sport men who could not afford to take time off work to play for nothing. The administrators had seen what professionalism had done to football, and their stand had as much to do with class prejudice as money.

In 1895, 20 clubs voted to form the Northern Union and agreed to compensate shift-workers for pay lost up to a maximum of six shillings a day. To balance their books, the professional league organisers set out on what was to be a century-long experiment in how to make their game more attractive to the spectator.

They tried everything and looked everywhere for gimmicks that might bring in the crowds. They had realised the value of challenge cups even before the breakaway, and they soon added a league competition and began to mess around with the rules of the game itself. To speed things up they reduced the number in a team to 13 and introduced the principle of possession to cut down on stoppages.

'The 100-years Rugby War must now surely be over'

With the promise of television deals that would bring in millions and expose the game worldwide, the search for the magic gimmick continues. The latest dream is to convert rugby league to a summer sport, making it more spectator-friendly than ever.

But despite all the enterprise, and despite a frenzy of marketing and hype from Diana Ross to Super League, the breakaway code stays firmly rooted where it began — in the northern counties. Wigan became the centre of its world. It's true that the game took root in Australia and New Zealand, and France joined in with a professional league in the 1930s. But it never established itself as a leading sport when transplanted from its northern cradle and to this day the only country that has adopted it as its No 1 sport is Papua New Guinea.

The effect of the split on rugby union was traumatic. The shock left the game's administrators with a fierce hostility to change and an absolute horror of anything to do with professionalism.

The punishment for stepping out of line was absolute. Take the case of the aptly named Tom Brown. He was a full back in the England team in 1933 when he was approached with an offer from a rugby league club. He declined the offer, never took a penny and never signed a form. But, it was alleged, he had not paid his own train fare to the meeting. At the height of his career he was suspended for life and never played another game of rugby of either code again.

With big television money now pouring into the game, the 100-years Rugby War must surely be over. Both codes have reached a watershed and the two World Cups show that rugby has a fantastic future. The way ahead must be for the two games to move closer together, taking the best of union and league into one game called simply rugby.

For a century all attempts to draw the codes into contact met with the fiercest resistance. Once, just once, during that strange 100-years war was a ceasefire declared. And the man responsible was Hitler.

On April 29, 1944, with the world at war, a Rugby Union XV played a Rugby League XV at Odsal Stadium, Bradford, in front of more than 15,000 spectators. The teams had been brought together by the Inter-Services Rugby Football Committee and involved some of the all-time great players of both codes. The union team included names such as W. H. Munro, Hayden Tanner and Bob Weighill. The league team boasted Billy Davies, Ernest Ward and Trevor Foster, who left Newport rugby union club 57 years ago to become a league legend playing for Bradford Northern.

Foster, 80, remembers that April day with enthusiasm. "It was a great spectacle," he says, "it was war-time rugby and we were all as one. Mind you, the vast majority of the rugby union team were officers — and we weren't." At the end of the game the union team's captain, Rob Prescott, put his arm around Foster's shoulder. "Trevor, I would have loved the chance to play rugby league," he said, "if only I could have played it as an amateur."

'The way ahead is to take the best of each code into one game'

Half a century on, Foster dreamt of a return battle between league and union, at Twickenham, with all the proceeds going to charity. The response from the Rugby Football Union was predictably chilly.

On that day in 1944 the rugby league players received £3 each for their expenses and a free razor. They won the game 15-10. Perhaps now, at last, with the 100-year rugby war over, it's time for a return match.

JOHN BRYANT

Torrance at home with demands of matchplay classic

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IF ANY evidence were needed that these are bountiful days for golf in Europe, then it is provided by the start this morning of another matchplay event — the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth. Strokeplay may be the skin and bones of the game, but matchplay is its lifeblood, and though there is not enough of it in any given year, there has been sufficient these past five weeks to satisfy anyone.

On the second weekend in September came the tumultuous victory by Great Britain and Ireland in the Walker Cup at Royal Porthcawl. It was hard to cap that event, one at which it was a pleasure to be present, but Europe's victory in the Ryder Cup two weeks later did so, an exhilarating demonstration of the virtues of a style of play that owes as much to heart and soul as to pure skill.

Now comes the 32nd World Match Play and 12 of the world's leading players competing against one another not over the sprint-like distances used in the Walker, Ryder, Curtis and Solheim Cups, but the full 36 holes. As if all that was not enough, then there is the pleasing prospect next week of four days at St Andrews, the most wonderful place in golf, for the Dunhill Cup.

The World Match Play has been held at Wentworth every year since it took its first, faltering steps in 1964. It works at this venue and has rightly become synonymous with the Surrey club in the way the Proms have with the Albert Hall. You could take away the Volvo PGA championship from the Surrey club and its reputation would survive as the home of the most distinguished annual matchplay event in the game.

The entry this year is missing three of the world's top seven players in Greg Norman, Nick Faldo and Corey Pavin, the US Open champion, as well as John Daly, the Open champion. Whether the field, which includes Ernie Els, the defending champion, and Ben Crenshaw, the Masters champion, is as strong as it should be hardly matters. It will have little or no effect on the number of spectators who traditionally tramp cheerily round the 6,957-yard West course. The way they flock to Wentworth suggests they are as keen to stock up on golfing memories and vignettes to see them through the long winter as squirrels are to gather nuts.

There is always an upsurge in interest in this event after a successful Ryder Cup and this year is expected to be no exception. All are welcome for the first two days but crowd limits of 12,000 for the semi-finals on Saturday and 6,000 for the final on Sunday are imposed.

Part of the event's appeal lies in the suitability and beauty of the course over which it is played. Dressed in its autumnal colours and blessed by the sun, the West course has looked magnificent all week. It may not be the best inland course in Britain but it is one of the best. Some of the par fours are wonderful. "The 6th, 7th and 8th are short but they are not exactly easy," Colin Montgomerie said. "But the 1st, 3rd, 9th, 13th and 15th are very impressive. You could put them on any golf course."

"If ever there was a typical English course, this is it," Steve Elkington, the personable US PGA champion who is making his second appearance in this event, said. "It is hilly, tree-lined, has gorse and good bunkering. It does not feel like anything in Scotland or Australia. It is a nice place to play golf."

Montgomerie is carrying an injury to his left wrist and his doctor has prescribed rest. Though at other times Montgomerie would comply, this time he is ignoring that advice. Not only does he feel this is an important event but, statistician that he is, he remembers that in his previous three appearances he reached the second round, the semi-final and, last year, was the losing finalist.

Much of the attention today will be on the match between Bernhard Langer and Sam Torrance. The winner will have the dubious privilege of competing against Nick Price. Torrance lives nearby so he knows the course like the back of his hand. Langer is competing in his seventh World Match Play, more than any other competitor, and won the PGA here last May. It is a match to savour. But, come to that, so is the whole event.

SCHEDULE

TODAY
8.15 and 12.30: L Janzen (US) v K Tomori (Japan)
8.30 and 12.45: S Torrance (Scot) v B Langer (Ger)
8.45 and 1.00: C Montgomerie (Scot) v D Duval (US)
9.00 and 1.15: C Rocca (It) v V Singh (Fiji)

TOMORROW
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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Stewart Munday, of Crown Windows, plays out of a bunker at St Pierre yesterday

Barham plans final drive

BY MEL WEBB

ALAN BARHAM is a thorough sort of fellow: he has a firm belief in the virtues of good planning. So when his team qualified for the Wales and South West regional final of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge, he planned his strategy like a field marshal. It worked, too, and yesterday the team he captained reached the national final with a display that left their opponents puffing in their wake.

Barham, managing director of Chemical Corporation (UK), a Caerphilly-based specialist in oil distribution and solvent manufacture, was a member of his company's winning team in the same region last year, as was Nigel Insley, another of the players yesterday.

They had loved the national final week in La Manga in 1994, so when the team emerged from the preliminary competition with the second-highest score in the region, he set about doing everything he could to give them the best chance to make the national final for the second year.

They, together with Mark Insley's brother, played the Old Course at St Pierre four times in the two weeks leading up to the regional final, and wrote course notes for Alan James, the fourth member of the team. The planning was to bring them a rich reward as they recorded 93 Stableford points, nine more than the runners-up, Travis Perkins.

Like so many other winning teams in the regional final series this year, not one of the winning quartet played to his handicap, but such was the closeness of their teamwork that on no hole did they score fewer than four points.

So comfortable was James, the only member of the team not to experience the course first-hand, with his team-mates' advice that he had two birdie twos in the first six holes. The first of them came on the 3rd, where he hit an eight-iron to 15 feet; he had a shot there, and his net hole in one brought him four points. He repeated the feat on the 6th, where he hit a six-iron on the front edge of the green and sent in a putt of fully 40 feet.

Chemical Corporation had scores of six points on seven holes, and backed it up with seven fives and four fours. It was a vivid example of the value of teamwork, together with the slice of good fortune that is more often than not necessary in the compilation of a winning score.

"I didn't sleep a wink last night, and Nigel says he didn't, either," Barham said. "We knew what a great experience the national final was last year, and we really wanted to make the trip again. We can't wait for the end of November."

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SCORES

93: Chemical Corporation (UK) Ltd. 84: Travis Perkins. 82: Hugh James, Jones & Jenkins; The Vodafone Centre. 80: Blick plc. 78: Caradon Catnic Ltd. 77: British Gypsum Ltd. 76: Hazlewoods, Allied Dunbar Assurance Head Office. 75: Drake Tooling & Abrasives Ltd. 74: Standard Bank Stockbrokers Ltd; Avon & Wiltshire Health Service.

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RADIO CHOICE

Widening the black horizon

Opinion: Black on Black. *Radio 4, 9.30am.*

I have never heard a more cogently argued case than this for black children in Britain to be given a better educational deal. Arthur France, a West Indian, teaches in the Leeds area. More pertinently, considering what this programme is about, he is chairman of a supplementary school in which pupils and staff are black. Classes are held in the evenings and at weekends. The *raison d'être* of these schools, he explains, is the inclusion of children in education, not their exclusion from it. What he wants is a broadening of the curriculum at mainstream schools to embrace the experiences of black children. But for this to happen, he says, mainstream schools must employ more teachers who are as mentally black as they are physically black.

Manchester Night. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*

I guarantee that by one o'clock tomorrow morning, all Radio 3 listeners with staying power will be far better informed about what, musically, is going on in Manchester. Including a scene-setting edition of *In Tune* at 5.15, there are eight broadcasts from the city. They include two orchestral concerts by the BBC Philharmonic (7.30 and 11.30) and, at 9pm there is a recording of part of a recital given in Manchester by the Lindsay Quartet last year. Between the bouts of music, there are three chat spots (8.40, 9.30 and 10.45). Mairi Nicholson sews the programmes together.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Early Breakfast Show **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **4.40** *Judge Dredd*; and at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Soundbite **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Dawn Patrol **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Country music **9.00** Paul Jones, with guest Mick Fleetwood **9.45** The Gospel Train **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Sue McGarry **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.35** Euronews and at **11.00** News: *Gut Reaction* **12.00** *Midday with Mair*, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl **7.20** Sport **7.35** Chris Rea Goes Into . . . Ice hockey. Cardiff v Durham **8.05** Women on Top **9.05** *SportsAmerica* **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am *Sandy Warr* **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk *5.30 Europe 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe* **7.00** Newsday **7.30** Europe **8.00** News **8.15** *An Instant in the Wind* **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Good Books **10.00** News in German **10.15** Sport **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *An Instant in the Wind* **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Bhangra Beat **1.00** News **1.05** Business **1.15** Britain **1.30** Assignment **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack *4.00 News in German 4.15 BBC English* **4.30** Network UK **5.00** News **5.15** World **5.30** News in German **6.00** Europe **6.30** Business **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** News in German **8.00** News Summary **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Faith **8.30** John Peel **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News *10.05 Business 10.15 Britain* **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Network UK **12.45** Health Matters **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** On the Move *1.45 Britain 2.00 News* **2.10** Press Review **2.15** In the Lion's Den **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Verse **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Words of Faith

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Delius (Cello Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** *Newsnight* **6.30** Sonata: Mendelssohn (Cello Sonata No 1) **7.00** *The Travel Guide: Hawaii* **8.00** Evening Concert: Music by Vaughan Williams. **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** J.L. Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00 On Air. Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 3); **7.05** *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 8 in D, K48); Bruckner; **8.05** Copland; Vaughan Williams

9.00 Morning Collection. Strauss (*Don Juan*); *Mozart (Batti, batti, o bel masetto)*; **9.21** Haydn (Piano Sonata in G minor); Mozart (Exsultate, Jubilate, K165); Biber (Battalia a 10 in D)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Faure (*Ballade in F sharp minor*); Haydn (Variations in G); **10.21** *Artist of the Week*: Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo. Vaughan Williams (The Water Mill); Barber (Daisies); George Lloyd (Royal Parks); *10.40 Beethoven (Symphony* No 1 in C); Anon (Muito Punna, Cantiges de Santa Maria); **11.14** Stravinsky (Elegy); Faure (Piano Quartet *No 1*)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Grieg

12.55-5.00pm The Afternoon on Three.

1.00 The Boston Romantics. (r)

2.00 Schools

3.00 Fairest Isle: The Judgment of Paris (3/3)

4.10 London Baroque. JS Bach (Harpsichord Concerto in D, BWV1054); WF Bach (Keyboard Concerto in D, F41; Keyboard Concerto in E minor, F43)

5.00 The Music Machine. (r)

5.15 In Tune. Faure (Pavane); **6.03** Telemann (Concerto in D for trumpets and oboes); Walton, arr Watson (The Battle of Agincourt, Henry V); **6.30** Prokofiev (Violin *Concerto No 2*)

7.30-12.30am Fairest Isle: Manchester Night. See Choice

7.30 BBC Philharmonic. Robin Holloway (Panorama); Colin Matthews (Monody); Richard *Rodney Bennett (Piano* Concerto); **8.40** Manchester Times Past

9.00 Lindsay Quartet. Beethoven (String Quartet in A) (r)

9.30 Scene in Manchester

9.45 The Next Generation

10.45 Night Waves

11.30 BBC Philharmonic. Mahler (Symphony No 1)

1.00-2.30am Night School

RADIO 4

6.00am News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, including half-hourly News, **6.55**, **7.55** *weather* **7.25**, **8.25** sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** As It Seemed to Me: John Cole's memoirs (4/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News; Face the Facts (r)

9.30 Opinion. See Choice

10.00 News; Bertie and the Crime of Passion (FM only). Historical whodunnit. (1/4)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.00 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour Introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *Mrs Frampton* by Pam Gems (3/9)

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 News; You and Yours with Liz Barclay

12.25pm Beyond the Blue Horizon Harry Thompson recalls our perspective on the world in the inter-war years (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 ***The World at One*** *With Nick* Clarke in Blackpool

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

2.00 News; Good Boy. Written by Owen Roe (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift with Daire Brehan

4.00 News; Kaleidoscope In Dublin. The Dublin Theatre Festival

4.45 Short Story: Drug Store. Sam Cassels' tale of love, death and growing up

5.00 PM with Chris Lowe **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 First Impressions. A game *for impressionists* (1/6)

7.00 News; The Archers

7.20 Document: White House e-mails. Sue Ellicott traces a dispute over the Reagan administration's electronic mail

8.00 Analysis: *Maurice Fraser* asks whether Left and Right are still relevant political shorthand

8.45 The New Recruit: Wedding *Photographers.* (3/4)

9.00 Does He Take Sugar?

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig in Blackpool

10.45 Book at Bedtime Live!: Into the Heart of Borneo Redmond O'Hanlon reads his travel adventure from the Festival Club (4/5)

11.00 First Bite: Memories of a ***Distant Past*** by Sade Adeniran. Directed by Tracey Neale

11.30 Offspring. John Peel with dispatches from family life (1/6) (r)

12.00 News and Weather

12.30am The Late Book: The Information. An abridged *reading of Martin Amis's* novel by William Nighy (9/15)

12.48 Shipping **1.00** As World Service

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Best not to tamper with a reliable recipe

Already the sound of knives being sharpened is deafening. Up and down the country celebrity chefs, their personalities as puffed up as their pastry, wait to pick their spot. All those part-time television critics who write restaurant columns at the weekend prepare to dazzle us with their culinary put-downs. But not I; I just say welcome back, Delia.

Until last night, I thought my only claim to culinary fame was that I cooked a decent poached egg. But after the first instalment of **Delia Smith's Winter Collection** (BBC2) I realised that even there I had been coddling under a misapprehension. Let them stand for ten minutes, huh? Well *if you say so*, Delia.

It is tempting to describe Smith as the antithesis of the personality television chef. Tempting but unfair — it is not that she hasn't got a personality, it's just that she keeps it politely well hidden. No spiky hair or vicious sarcasm in this kitchen, *thank you* very much. Sensibly bobbed and quietly spoken, Smith consolidated her position as muse to the dinner partying classes by presenting her programme *from the conservatory*. Next week, how to cook supper for six in a new loft conversion.

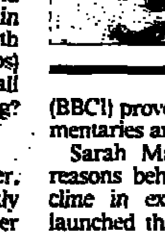
The good thing about Smith is that she cracks on with the job in hand. In half an hour she had rattled through four dishes and given us a glimpse of puddings to come. The bad thing (apart from the unpardonable sin of playing *Winter Wonderland* in October) was very similar — the pace of preparation is now so rapid that *anyone hoping to reproduce* any of the dishes will be forced to buy the accompanying book. Funny, that.

To maintain momentum (of both the programme and, I suspect, the book sales) two dishes were despatched in voice-over only, a style of presentation which, thanks to all those Sainsbury ads, is as long past *its sell-by* date as Smith's unlikely adoption of fashion speak. Croutons, we were told, were still "in" (phew) but, just as red is regularly announced as the new black, so Smith declared that cranberries were the new lime. Gins and tonics excluded, presumably.

Must-haves included "the potato dish of the autumn", potato and *apple rosti; a Japanese mandolin* (vital for red cabbage braised with cranberries and grated finger-tips) and an oven the size of a small shed. Have I forgotten anything? Oh yes, a copy of her book.

With Delia as appetiser, *the* evening *quickly* moved on to two other main-stays of dinner-party conversation — education and sport. But while that simply proves that I'm going to the wrong dinner parties, **Dispatches** (Channel 4) and **People's Century — Sporting Fever** (BBC1) proved that excellent documentaries are still being made.

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Sarah Marris's exposé of the reasons behind the apparent *decline in examination standards* launched the new season of *Dispatches* and deserved a grade A under anyone's marking system. Educational specialists (and no doubt a few parents too) might say there was nothing very new about much she revealed — that standards vary considerably between *the examination boards* that set GCSE and A levels. Why else do so many schools now advertise which board's exams their pupils sit? And why else would someone like the headmaster of Cheltenham College be so frank about the fact that, by switching his lower A-level physics set to an "easier" board, the lower set could secure as many grade *As as the top set*.

But it was Marris's explanation of why standards vary that was really impressive. *She* had a hypothesis — that because examination boards now compete for market share they have to present league-table obsessed schools with *steadily improving results. She* provided evidence — both empirical, from three schools that swapped boards last summer, and anecdotal, from a veritable array of disillusioned examiners. And the conclusion? She was right.

By contrast, much of the content of *Sporting Fever* was predictable. *The transformation of sport between* the wars was its subject, the years when sport became both a business and a propaganda tool. The British bit was easy — cue *shots of packed terraces, caps* being thrown in the air and the white horse Cup Final — then swiftly on to Mussolini's physical jerks and Hitler's Berlin Olympics.

But for all its predictability, the film was hugely enjoyable, thanks largely to the quality of its impressively flicker-free archive footage. For the first time it was possible to believe that Suzanne Lenglen not only invented *sporting sex appeal but could* actually play tennis. Similarly, Harold Larwood thundered towards Don Bradman with a pace and menace I hadn't seen before.

The choice of personal testimony was a little curious, ranging from a elderly West Ham supporter singing *I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles to a quite extraordinary account of* the showering habits of Babe Ruth, the baseball player. But perhaps the most powerful comment came from Fritz Schilgen, the *athlete chosen to carry the flame at* the 1936 Olympics. Now elderly and grey-haired, he watched the pictures of his blue-eyed, golden youth almost with amusement: "*Naturally, in the climate* of 1936, I was not selected for my running abilities."

Over on *ITV*, ***Bliss*** made a decent fist of an old subject (finding the elixir of youth) and came up with a novel way of leaving its leading man young-ish, free-ish *and sort of single-ish. Dr Sam* Bliss's wife had been in a coma for five years. "Any change?" an attractive woman would ask him from time to time. "No." Consciences duly cleared, it was back to the flirting. Don't you just love popular drama?

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (62396)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86039763)
9.05 Mastermind Finals *(r)* (s) (3721522)
9.35 The Fanelli Boys (8624676)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5234980)
10.05 Conference Live 95: The Conservative Party *(s)* (94394015). Includes at **11.00** and **12.00 News**, regional news and weather **12.50pm Regional News** (Ceefax) and weather (64118247)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (60218)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (91054541)
1.50 Golf: World Matchplay Championship. First day's play from Wentworth (38286305)
3.50 Barney *(r) (8590015)*
3.55 Monster Cafe (s) (4141522)
4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood (Ceefax) (s) (1922386) **4.35 Smart** (Ceefax) (s) (2624218)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9883638) **5.10 Byker Grove** *(Ceefax)* (s) *(2168893)*
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (577612) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (299)
6.30 Regional news magazines (251) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (8560)
7.30 EastEnders. Bianca gears up for her driving test, and it is a day of surprises for Ian (Ceefax) (s) (763)
8.00 Animal Hospital: Rolf Harris presents life in an RSPCA animal hospital. (Ceefax) (s) (4980)
8.30 Agony Again. Last in the comedy series, with Maureen Lipman. (Ceefax) (s) (3015)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax). Weather (4725)

Alex Norton as Ian Macrae (9.30pm)

9.30 Backup. Police drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (891314)
10.20 They Think It's All Over. Sports and humour quiz. Nick Hancock, David Gower and Gary Lineker are joined by Rory McGrath and Lee Hurst. (Ceefax) (s). Followed by **The Nation's Favourite Poem.** Griff Rhys Jones will announce the results of the BBC's poll, revealing the country's top ten poems (310909) **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight 10.55 They Think It's All Over 11.25 Question Time 12.30-1.15am Golf. **Wales:** 10.20-10.55 The State
10.55 Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs a topical debate from Blackpool. His panel includes Kenneth Clarke, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Margaret Beckett, MP, Shadow Health Secretary; Alex Carlile, MP, Liberal Democrat Health Spokesman; and Marilyn Orcharton, director of the Small Business Bureau. (Ceefax) (390276)
11.55 Golf: World Matchplay Championship. Steve Rider introduces highlights of the first round from Wentworth *(s)* (207541) **Wales:** They Think It's All Over 12.25am Golf 1.05-2.40 FILM: The Woman with Red Boots
12.30am FILM: The Woman with Red Boots (1974). The wealthy owner of a country estate becomes obsessed with a beautiful author. A rarely seen film, with Catherine Deneuve, Fernando Rey and Adalberto Maria Merli. Directed by Juan (son of Luis) Buñuel (208752) **2.10 Weather** (5961058)

BBC2

6.00am The Learning Zone: Pandora's Box (62378)
7.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (5069837)
7.15 Lassie (9207473) **7.40 Stingray** (r) (Ceefax) (9317164) ***8.05 Pirates of Dark Water*** *(r) (Ceefax)* (2063396) **8.30 Betjeman in Australia** (r) (6071299) **8.55 Holiday Outings** (3722251) **9.00** ***Secret Service*** *(r) (Ceefax)* (s) *(90560)* ***9.30 Focus*** (s) (6114015) **9.45 Over the Moon** (r) (s) (6102270) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (s) (1079164) ***10.25 Storytime*** *(r) (s) (2021744)*
10.45 Science Zone — Plants and Animals (s) (3532909) **11.05 Space Ark — Plants and Animals** (s) (2031454) **11.15 Healthe 2** (5561251) **Northern Ireland** Primary focus
11.35 Landmarks — Victorian Britain (Ceefax) (s) (3605947) **11.55 Job Bank** (s) (3415541) **12.15pm Le Club** (s) (5271473)
12.30 Working Lunch (s) (27102)
1.00 Lifeschool (s) (22723676) **1.25 Mad About Music** (s) (81081251) **1.45 Numbertime** (s) (26883386) ***2.00 The Family Ness*** *(r) (97447299)* ***2.05 Bump*** (r) (97439270) **2.10 Conference Live 95: The Conservative Party** (93000725)
5.30 Golf: World Matchplay Championship. Continuing coverage from Wentworth (s) (928)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Ceefax) (s) (479638)
6.45 The Nation's Favourite Poems. Selections from Irish poetry of the last century to celebrate National Poetry Day *(660611)*
7.00 Waiting for God (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6102)
7.30 First Sight. Tiger enclosures. Followed by **The Nation's Favourite Poems** (305)

George Moody, a lobster fisherman (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Picture This: An Island in Time.** (Ceefax) (s) (2522)
8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson attempts to drive his dream car, a Ford GT40. (Ceefax) (s) (1657)
9.00 FILM: Seven Minutes (1991). Fact-based film about a clockmaker's attempt to assassinate Hitler at a rally in Munich in 1939. With Klaus Maria Brandauer. Directed by Bainer Soehnlein (Ceefax) (s) (3096)
10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark (Ceefax) (653386)
11.15 Late Review (s) (508522) **11.55 Weather** (144676)
12.00 Fast Forward. Comedy sketches (s) (41394)
12.30am The Learning Zone: The Chemistry of Life and Death (15481) **1.00 One Fact, Many Facets** (22394) **1.30 Victorian Ways of Death** (47145) **2.00 Job Seeking and Interviews — And How to Succeed** (48058) **4.00 BBC Focus: The Royal Institution Discourse** (29329)
5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (42023)

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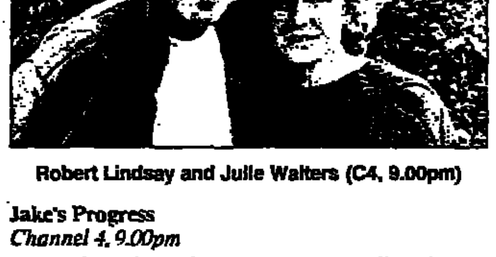


Robert Lindsay and Julie Walters (C4, 9.00pm)

Jake's Progress
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Trust Alan Bleasdale to produce unsettling drama. His new epic, spread over more than six hours of screen time, charts the troubled childhood of a five-year-old boy. Whether Jake (an all too convincing performance by Barclay Wright) is naturally monstrous, or has been made that way by circumstances, is a nice point. He hates his Mum (Julie Walters), because she never has any time for him, and when Grandma (Dorothy Tutin) comes to babysit he tries to set fire to her. Mum is forced to work because Dad (Robert Lindsay) has lost his job and refuses to face up to the mounting debts. Bleasdale piles on the agony with relentless skill. He calls the series a tragicomedy. But there is not much to laugh about.

Leyton Orient: Yours For a Fiver
Channel 4, 10.40pm

We are in the 1994-95 football season and it is one that Leyton Orient, in east London, will want to forget. But thanks to this more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger documentary by a supporter, Jo Treharne, the club's agonies are cruelly preserved. This is professional football at its least glamorous. Orient are close to the bottom of the Second Division, crowds are falling and debts are mounting. The chairman can no longer afford to subsidise the club. The team continues to lose match after match and the dressing-room dressing-downs of the manager, John Sitton, make Graham Taylor sound like a vicar. Barry Hearn, the boxing promoter, emerges as the new chairman. He promises fun. But nobody is in the mood.

Short Stories: Shopping For Mr Right
Channel 4, 8.30pm

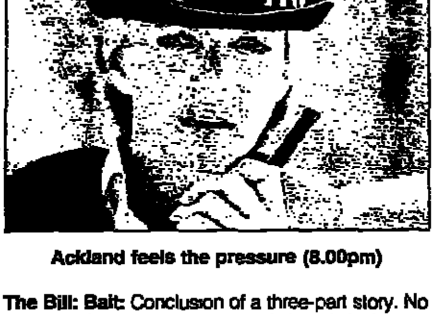
Sharon Lloyd advertises herself as "single, black, female, 39, with a fun personality". A single parent, *successful in her professional career (unspecified), she* lacks a man in her life. He has got to be over 35, black, taller than her and able to make her laugh. Despairing *of finding such a paragon in Manchester, she uses* a shopping trip to New York to try her luck there. She advertises in a lonely hearts column and pitches her expectations low. *But as Karen Bumenfeld's jolly film* reveals, she is overwhelmed with replies. All the men, curiously, give their weight. As Sharon works through her list of blind dates, it seems she may have stumbled on her Mr Right at last. As if not to tempt fate, the cameras discreetly avert their gaze.

Picture This: An Island in Time
BBC2, 8.00pm

A stylish film by Max Whitby evokes a year in the life of Holy Island off the Northumberland coast. Only 140 *people live there, and twice a day the island is cut off by* the sea. Whitby uses a seasonal framework, starting with the snows of winter and moving on to Easter, *Midsummer's Day and bonfire night, and he makes* striking use of timelapse photography. Summer visitors bring much-needed trade, but most of the time *the islanders are on their own and they seem to prefer* it. Whitby profiles five of them: a farmer and his daughter, a lobster fisherman, the man who tends *Gertrude Jekyll's castle garden and the priest. The Rev* David Adam says he did want to come to Holy Island. Now he would not want to leave. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7270831)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (5551657)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1089541)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9912522)
10.35 This Morning Magazine show (39338299)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4536367)
12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (9980522)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9998541)
1.25 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (22795893)
1.55 A Country Practice (s) (91059096)
2.20 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (44053183)
2.50 Special Babies Jane Reynolds is rushed to a specialist unit when her waters break at seven months (r) (Teletext) (s) (8927725)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext)(7907265)
3.25 London Today *(Teletext) (8357706)*
3.30 The Riddlers: French Lessons (4166831)
3.40 Wizadora (s) (1957164) **3.50 Astro Farm** (Teletext) (s) (4177947) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (9762015) **4.15 Fantomcat: The Mind Leech** (s) *(1916725)* ***4.40 Woof!*** *(Teletext)* (s) (6893218)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (1022589)
5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (841034)
5.55 Your Shout Viewers' opinions (740812)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (367)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (947)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (1788)
7.30 The Big Story Behind the headlines (s) (831)



Ackland feels the pressure (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Bait: Conclusion of a three-part story. No closer to finding the assassin, Ackland decides to go back out on the street. Will she draw the killer into the open or become a sitting duck? (Teletext) (9676)
8.30 Class Act. Caper comedy-drama series, with Joanna Lumley. A bank raid turns nasty for the robbers when Kate Swift arrives to discuss her overdraft. (Teletext) (s) (96473)
9.30 Scotland Yard: The Commissioner Last in the series focuses on sensitive issues encountered by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. (Teletext) (42544)
10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (75251)
10.30 London Tonight *(Teletext)* (758473)
10.40 Look Who's Talking with Mariella Frostrup. The guests include Hollywood writer and actress Carrie Fisher, comedian Jenny Eclair and author brothers, Dotun and Diran Adebayo. (Teletext) (125102)
11.10 Big City. London magazine (s) (102270)
11.40 Bagdad Cafe. American comedy (s) (219386)
12.15am War of the Worlds (r) (9416313)
1.10 Shift (3216752)
2.05 The Beat (r) (s) (9149435)
3.00 The Album Show *(Teletext) (r) (2145145)*
3.50 Profile (s) (80012435)
4.10 The Little Picture Show (r) (8678145)
5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (52941)
5.30 ITN Morning News (42077). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6839218)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (43541)
9.00 Sabotage Women-only quiz (r) (s) (92928)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (6109183) **9.45** The Maths Programme (9094589) **10.05** Scientific Eye (3294657) **10.25** Geographical Eye (2016812) **10.45** Le Petit Monde de Pierre (1412251) **11.00** Time Capsule (5568164) **11.20** Changing Wales (3800638) **11.40** The Spanish Programme (3412454) (480454)
12.00 Snappers A *Short Stories* programme about two paparazzi — Hugh Thompson and Phil Loftus (r). (Teletext) (72164)
12.30pm Sesame Street. Early learning entertainment *(65015)* ***1.30 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*** *(r) (s)* (47950164)
1.55 Time to Talk. Lesley Judd talks to the cartoonist Bill Tidy (r) (s) (47968183)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket and Redcar Live coverage of the **2.35**, **3.10**, **3.40** and **4.15** races from Newmarket and the **2.55**, **3.25** and **3.55** races from Redcar (91254522)
4.30 Fifteen To One. *(Teletext) (s) (744)*
5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (1140102)
5.45 Terrytoons featuring Possible Possum. Followed by **Murun Buchstansangur** (848947)
6.00 Home Improvement. When Jill asks Tim to take *Mark to the ballet. Tim decides they would both* prefer to watch a basketball game. (Teletext) (s) (909)
6.30 New Gamesmaster. Video and computer games magazine (s) (589)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (695034)
7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (620164)
8.00 The Vision Thing. Sheena McDonald talks to Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate Gallery and chairman of the Turner Prize, about his plans to make Britain the world centre for modern art and to bring it closer to the British public. (Teletext) (s) (7218)

Sharon seeks her dream man (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Short Stories: Shopping for Mr Right.** (Teletext) (6725)
9.00 CHOICE **Jake's Progress** (Teletext) (s) (91063251)
10.40 CHOICE **Leyton Orient: Yours For a Fiver** (Teletext) (6151657)
11.45 FILM: Only Two Can Play (1962, b/w). Sex comedy starring Peter Sellers, Mai Zetterling, Virginia Maskell and Richard Attenborough. Kingsley Amis's novel, *That Uncertain Feeling*, adapted by Bryan Forbes into a piece of cheerful nonsense with Sellers as a married Welsh librarian, delighted to receive the attentions of a local councillor's wife (Zetterling). Directed by Sidney Gilliat (133096)
1.45am Second Time Around. A look at some of the Motown record label's lesser-known stars (r) (9053435)
2.30 An Eye on the Music. With Beverley Craven and Andrew Strong (s) (23145). Ends at **3.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9998541) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22795893) 2.50-3.20 High Road (8927725) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1022589) 6.25 Anglia Weather (721812) 6.30-7.00 Anglia News (947) 10.40 The Front Row (125102) 11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (278744) 12.05am Good Advice (8092855) 12.35 War and Remembrance (935752) 2.25 Best of British Motorsport (3701936) 2.55 The Best (4179225) 3.50 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80003787) 4.15 Quiz Night (90085771) 4.40 Recollections (93892313)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.50-3.20 High Road (8927725) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1022589) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (729270) 10.40 First Cut - The Last Waltz (474980) 11.00 Air Ambulance (1636) 11.30 Tales from the Crypt (439096) 11.55 Profile (8868831) 3.55am Jobfinder (4393416) *5.20 Asian Eye (4988619)*

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9998541) 1.25 Home and Away (81009657) 1.50 Vanessa (47961270) 2.20 Special Babies (44053183) 2.50-3.20 *Emmerdale* (8927725) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1022589) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (729270) 10.30 Granada News (758473) 10.40 New Voices: The Spendaways Family (125102) *11.10* A Postcard from Blackpool (102270) 11.40 Short Story Cinema (219386) 3.55-4.10 Jobfinder (85391077)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (5155473) 1.20 Coronation Street (22796522) 2.50-3.20 Gardening Time (8927725) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1022589) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (947) 10.40 Limited Edition (125102) 11.10 Street Legal (802580) 3.55am Jobfinder (85391077)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (8927725) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (947) 7.30-8.00 Wild Tracks (831) *10.45* Petersen (251251) 11.15 Walker on Sport (258164) 11.45 The Big Story (280763)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9998541) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22795893) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8927725) 5.10 Home and Away (1022589) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Crimestoppers (780876) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (367) 6.30-7.00 True... but Strange (947) 10.45 Film: Miami Blues (88785184) 12.35am War and Remembrance (935752) 2.25 Best of British Motorsport (3701936) 2.55 The Best (4179225) 3.50 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80003787) 4.15 Quiz Night (90085771) 4.40 Recollections (93892313) 5.00 Freescreen (52941)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1089541) 12.20pm Westcountry News (4545016) 12.25-12.30 My Story (4544386) 12.55 Emmerdale (9998541) 1.25 Home and Away (22795893) *1.55-2.20 The Young Doctors* (91059096) 2.50-3.20 A Country Practice (8927725) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News, Weather (8357706) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1022589) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (39947) 10.30 Westcountry News; Weather (758473) 10.40 On the Moor (125102) 11.10 Prisoner Cell Block H (802580) 3.55am Jobfinder (85391077)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (1089541) 12.20pm-12.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (4536367) 12.55 Emmerdale (9998541) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (22795893) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (8927725) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (8357706) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1022589) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (484873) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters (947) *10.30 Calendar News and Weather* (758473) 10.40 Shouting the Odds (646096) 11.25 Prisoner Cell Block H (273299) 12.20am Film: The Alamo (72148771) 3.10 America's Top Ten (97967042) 3.40 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (75329139) 4.10 Profile (18544787) 4.30 Jobfinder (89771)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (43541) 9.00 Sabotage (92928) 9.30 Yagolion (18454) 9.30 Middle English (6109183) 9.45 The Maths (9094589) 10.05 Scientific Eye (3294857) 10.25 Geographical Eye (2016812) 10.45 *Le Petit Monde De Pierre* (1412251) 11.00 Time Capsule (5568164) 11.20 Changing Wales (3800636) 11.40 The *Spanish Programme* (3412454) 12.00 Sesame Street (31905) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (53928) 1.30 True Blues (8888367) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing (91254522) 4.30 Absolutely Animals (744) 5.00 5 Pump (1094) 5.30 Fifteen To One (116) 6.00 Newyddion (499675) 6.15 Heno (468289) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (303725) *7.25 Sacha Hi O: Ma (739675)* 8.00 Ac Eto Nid (7218) 8.30 Newyddion (8725) 9.00 John Ogwen - Portread (4875) 9.30 One For The Road (32094) 10.00 Film: Howard's End (89921837) 12.35am Battered Britain In Search Of Law And Order (2721077)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

7.00am Kai Show (17560) 8.00 Mighty Morphin (20725) 8.30 Jeopardy (29096) 9.00 Court TV (43676) 9.30 Oprah (29386) 10.30 Blockbusters (32560) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (91386) 12.00 Spellbound (23812) 12.30pm Designing Women (72676) 1.00 Waltons (60831) 2.00 Geraldo (68386) 3.00 Court TV (2305) 3.30 Oprah (3588270) 4.20 Kids TV (6170657) 5.00 Star Trek (3657) 6.00 Mighty Morphin (9137) 6.30 Spellbound (1909) 7.00 LAPD (4386) 7.30 M*A*S*H (7913) 8.00 Due South (39526) 9.00 Untouchables (87522) 10.00 Star Trek (97909) 11.00 Law and Order (85541) 12.00 Late Show (5681042) 12.45am Double Take (7129329) *1.30 Anything But Love (74874)* 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (3372435)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3847015) 9.30 News (27928) 10.30 ABC Nightline (30102) 11.00 World News (916454) 1.30pm CBS News (82367) 2.30 Memories of 1970-91 (37096) 3.30 Beyond 2000 (2015) 4.00 News (56184) 5.00 Live at Five (1289) 6.30 Tonight (26183) 8.00 World News (1676) 8.30 O J Simpson Trial (4450725) 12.30am CBS News (26771) 1.30 Tonight (72961) 2.30 Memories (41936) 3.30 Beyond 2000 (46481) 4.30 CBS News (81415) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (84077)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (1565305) 10.00 Final Shot — The Hank Gathers Story (1992) (43164) 12.00 The VIPs (1963) With Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton (72589) 2.00pm To Trap a Spy (1966): Men From UNCLE (11589) 4.00 Matinée (1993): With John Goodman (8589) 6.00 Final Shot — The Hank Gathers Story As 10am (56969855) 7.40 US Top Ten (926183) 8.00 Fearless (1993) Drama (96270) 10.00 *Hellbound (1993): Thriller (679580) 11.40* King of the Hill (1993) (98047) 1.25am Les Visiteurs (1994): Comedy (473058) 3.10 Quarantine (1988) Science-fiction (738431) 4.45-6.15 To Trap a Spy as 2pm (8510690)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Ace in the Hole (1951): With Kirk Douglas (61218) 2.00pm Blonde Venus (1932): With Marlene Dietrich and Cary Grant (77183) 4.00 3:10 to Yuma (1957): With Farmer Van Heflin and Glenn Ford (7893) 6.00 Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House (1948). Comedy starring Cary Grant (97947) 8.00 Taps (1981) Military drama (69164) 10.00 Red Scorpion (1989). Thriller (863812) 11.50 Manhattan (1979): Woody Allen comedy (430928) 1.30-3.25am Alfie (1966): With Michael Caine (905232)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan and the Lost Safari (1957) With Gordon Scott (26831) 8.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist Animated Dickens (40980) 10.00 The Roots of Heaven (1958) With Trevor Howard (96755522) 12.10pm The Family Jewels (1965): Jerry Lewis plays seven characters (167183) 2.00 When Willie Comes Marching Home (1950) (56201) 4.00 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist. As 8am (9631) 6.00 Wind Dancer (1993) Touching true story (99367) 8.00 Twilight Zone: Rod Serling's Lost Classics (1993) (29270) 9.30 The Movie Show: Christopher Lambert (45522) 10.00 Kalifornia (1993) With Brad Pitt (95275263) *12.05am Uninhibited* (1991). Erotica (225232) 1.45 Matewan (1987) With Chris Cooper (34805023) 4.00-6.00 Wind Dancer as 6pm (46023)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91145541) 6.30 Muppet Babies (13729034) 7.00 Winnie the Pooh (59632893) 7.30 Ducktales (59658928) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dales (24913454) 8.30 Wonderland (24912725) 9.00 Fraggle Rock (24936305) 9.30 Pooh Corner (91820909) 10.00 Dumbo's Circus (13710386) 10.30 Quack Attack (24932589) 11.00 Walt Disney (59867676) 12.00 Sinbad (24916541) 12.30pm Torkelsons (35689541) 1.30 Faerie Theatre (81623096) 2.00 Wonderland (65581541) 2.30 Umbrella Tree (23821473) 3.00 Fraggle Rock (65600676) 3.30 Winnie the Pooh (23833218) 4.00 Quack Attack (23812725) 4.30 Ducktales (23818909) 5.00 Chip 'n' Dales (65672893) 5.30 Danger Bay (23832589) 6.00 Tarzan (23822102) 6.30 *Dinosaurs (23813454) 7.00 FILM:* Brothers by Choice (59659657) 9.00-10.00 Alfred Hitchcok (21888560)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (10251) 7.30 Wrestling (53170) 8.30 Aerobics (49299) 9.00 Soccer (23251) 9.30 Rugby (78299) 10.00 Lady Drivers (69265) 10.30 Volleyball (52763) 11.00 Golf (48034) 12.00 Aerobics (43015) 12.30pm Football Norway v England (90763) 2.30 Golf (3928) 3.00 ATP Tennis (5898) 3.30 Shooting (52638) 4.30 Soccer (3164) 5.00 Wrestling (9473) 6.00 Sports Centre (4657) 6.30 Rugby Union (5909) 7.00 Tight Lines (43102) 8.00 Pole Position (404302) 8.55 Sports Centre (885693) 9.00 World Sport (49386) 10.00 Sports Centre (44744) 10.30 Tight Lines (20744) 11.30 Rugby Union (69225) 12.00 *Pole Position (69138) 1.00am World Sport* (51042) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (71348)

Isabella Rossellini in *Fearless* (Sky Movies, 8pm)

EUROSPORT

8.30am Equestrianism (34947) 9.30 Dancing (50270) 10.30 Duathlon (41034) 11.30 Tennis (74693) 12.00 Motorcycling (38163) 12.30pm Formula 1 (67183) 1.00 Football (17678) 3.00 Live Golf (14034) 5.00 Eurofun (5034) 5.30 Triathlon (15386) 6.30 *Rallycross (83299)* 7.30 News *(9589) 8.00* Sumo (54218) 9.00 Pro Wrestling (34454) 10.00 Football (24170) 12.00 Golf (70435) 1.00-1.30am News (48967)

SKY SOAP

8.00am *Loving (4643541)* 8.30 Peyton Place (4642812) 9.00 As the World Turns (6522218) 10.00 Guiding Light (2008638) 11.00-12.00 Another World (2011102)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (4653928) 12.30pm Wide World of Kids (5706812) 1.00 Italy (2022218) 1.30 America (5705183) 2.00 Getaway (1574928) 2.30 Europe (9702657) 3.00 *Discover Your World (1586763) 3.30 Florida* (9707102) 4.00 Guide (9793309) 4.30 Colorado River (9782893) 5.00 Sports Vacations (1558950) 5.30 Around the World (9706473) 6.00 Europe (9703386) 6.30 Guide (7399251) 7.30 Getaway (9783522) 8.00 World (1554164) 8.30 Guide (1573299) 9.00 Destinations (4072560) 9.30 Guide *(4136541) 10.30 Sports Vacations (4663305)* 11.00 Globetrotter (4084305) 11.30-12.00 American Adventurer (4740638)

TLC

9.00am Room Service (7297305) 9.30 Simply Delicious (7863270) 10.00 Vet's Life (1934909) 10.30 Frontiers (7293589) 11.00 Only Human (2529947) 11.45 Draw (15327305) 12.00 General Practice (7853893) 1.00pm Simply Delicious *(9776763) 1.30 Room Service (7873657)* 2.00 Will it Hurt? (9784812) 2.30 Right or Wrong (7988631) 3.00 Animal Magnetism (9703947) 3.30-4.00 Vet's Life (7980676)

UK GOLD

7.00am Five Children (9746522) 7.30 *Neighbours (9765657)* 8.00 *Sons and* Daughters (7276812) 8.30 EastEnders (7275183) 9.00 The Bill (7298763) 9.30 Sullivans (7872928) 10.00 All Creatures (9754541) 11.00 Dallas (9774305) *12.00* Sons and Daughters (7286299) 12.30pm Neighbours (7876744) 1.00 EastEnders (9745893) 1.30 The Bill (7875015) 2.00 Sullivans (51741015) 3.00 Angels (9705305) 3.30 Eldorado (7992034) 4.00 Casualty (67543855) 5.05 Every Second (4966638) *5.45 Being Served? (4282676)* 6.25 EastEnders (9023763) 7.00 Eldorado (9797386) 7.30 Kenny Everett (7978454) 8.00 Angels (9706034) 8.30 What a Carry On! (9785541) 9.00 Minder (1313218) 10.00 The Bill (2396299) 10.35 Sport (51100522) 11.40 Lenny Henry (8293541) 12.15am Dr Who *(3848226) 12.45 FILM: The House of the* Seven Corpses (1973) (2496684) 2.15-3.00 Shopping (5685597)

TCC

6.00am Casper (77718) 7.00 New Pink Panther (83928) 7.30 Ready or Not (95763) 8.00 Sweet Valley (66980) 8.30 Casper (5639580) 8.45 Dinobabies (5634015) 9.00 Sesame Street (59947) 10.00 Tiny TCC *(14015) 12.00 Barney (76367) 12.30pm Tiny* TCC (32763) 2.30 Madeline (7386) 3.00 Sonic (9251) 3.30 New Pink Panther (2831) 4.00 California Dreams (8638) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley (7522)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Batfink (3444744) 7.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7167909) 7.45 Rugrats (735638) 8.15 Ferals (820270) 8.45 Count *Duckula (2636396) 9.00* Nick Jr (532676) 12.00 Lunchbox (41657) 12.30pm Pee Wee (70657) 1.00 Ferals (17164) 1.30 Dungeons (79928) 2.00 Denver (4928) 2.30 Galaxy (4270) 3.00 Duckula (6763) 3.30 Legend of the North Wind (6015) 4.00 Hero Turtles (5522) 4.30 Rugrats (4034) 5.00 Clarissa (8980) 5.30 Global Guts (5386) 6.00 *Doug (2299) 6.30-7.00 Duckula (6351)*

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (7979183) 4.30 Polar Bears (7975367) 5.00 Mexico (9794299) 6.00 Future Work (9002270) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (4591562) 7.30 Mysteries (7976096) 8.00 Weather *(9704676)* 8.30 Forensics (9783183) 9.00 Aircraft Carriers (1304560) 10.00 Serengeti (1314947) 11.00 Driving Passions (5119522) 11.30-12.00 Special Forces *(1923893)*

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Plan 9 from Outer Space (1956) (3341454) 1.30pm Scotland Yard (7860183) 2.00 Danger Man (1922164) 3.00 Robin Hood (9790473) 3.30 The Protectors (7987102) 4.00 FILM *I'm All Right Jack* (1959) (9701589) 6.00 Cult Corporation (7983386) 6.30 UFO (1315183) 7.30 Robin Hood (7963522) 8.00 Space 1999 (1388522) 9.00 *The Prisoner* (1308386) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Scum (1979) (5125183)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (9715893) 7.00 Magazine (1189386) 9.00 Treatment (7240473) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1452980) 10.00 Hearts of Gold (9415386) 10.40 Bride (54816218) 11.00 Young and Restless (4854367) 11.55 Masterchef (6831454) 12.30pm Brookside (4291589) 1.05 Kilroy (6692744) 2.00 Agony Hour (4773541) 3.00 Magazine (9395812) 4.00 Infatuation UK (9034725) 4.30 Crosswits (7991928) 5.05 Joker's Wild *(55164639)* 5.30 Bewitched (9054589) 6.00 Esther (9044102) 6.30 Brookside (3738386) 7.05 Jerry Springer (4296560) 8.00 Young and Restless (2393893) 9.00 FILM Wild Texas Wind (1991) (17959744) 10.50 Entertainment (6741831) 11.00-12.00 Dangerous Women (1169522)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Wonder Years (1096) 5.30 Tintin (380473) 5.50 Batman (839096) 6.25 Catchphrase (430909) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (4560) 7.30 My Two Dads (8251) *8.00 Darling Buds of May (61522)* 9.00 Ruth Rendell (81386) 10.00 Busman's Holiday (77096) 10.30 Moonlighting (68560) 11.30 Batman (43812) 12.00 Tintin (58690) 12.30am Second Guess (40139) 1.00 Zorro (46597) 1.30 Rhoda (72400) 2.00 Moonlighting (89619) 3.00 Rhoda (22961) 3.30 Zorro (12665) *4.00 Wonder Years (73918)* 4.30-5.00 Black Stallion (23690)

MTV

6.00am Wildside (49541) 7.30 The Grind (64593) 8.00 3 from 1 (9650454) 8.15 Wildside (9933183) 9.00 VJ Maria (161102) 12.00 Soul (19560) 1.00pm Greatest Hits *(96980) 2.00 Non-Stop Music (57015)* 3.00 3 from 1 (5156164) 3.15 Non-Stop Music (388676) 3.30 Sports (1589) 4.00 Cinematic (3558454) 4.15 Hanging Out (4347706) 5.00 News (1587522) 5.15 Hanging Out (5286541) 5.30 Dial MTV (3560) 6.00 Dance (6283) 6.30 Hanging Out (58675) 8.00 Hits (63980) 9.00 Most Wanted (83744) 10.00 Oddities (79454) 10.30 Beavis (88102) 11.00 News (523909) 11.15 Cinematic (539560) 11.30 Aeon Flux (56034) 12.30am The End? (79416) 1.30 Videos (3307936)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (2021589) 9.00 Café (1733763) 12.00 Heart and Soul (5727305) 1.00pm Vinyl Years (5703725) 2.00 Ten of the Best (4747541) 3.00 Into the Music (2388454) 6.00 VH-1-2-3 (5723589) 7.00 For You (2245909) 8.00 Review (2254657) 9.00 Ten of the Best (2234893) 10.00 Vinyl Years (2237980) 11.00 The Bridge (4074218) 1.00am Ten of the Best (5862139) 2.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from 8am to 7pm

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning (98875855) 8.30 Yule Love Stories (54975589) 9.00 Bengali Film (69623102) 12.00 Campus (54979305) 12.30pm India Show (45776831) 1.00 Hindi FILM (96933676) 4.00 Hip Hip Hurray (99292015) 5.00 Zee Zone (66926744) 5.30 Punjabi Folk (10235589) 6.00 Campus (10225102) 6.30 Zee and U (10216454) 7.00 Newsearch (66906980) 7.30 Dillagi (10213638) 8.00 News (66922928) 8.30 Galaxee (66934763) 9.00 Andaz (97115893) 10.00 Horror Show (54970034) 10.30 Commander (54956454) 11.00 Ras Barse (99293744) 11.30-12.00 Krishna (23232034)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then films: 8.00pm The Wheeler Dealers (1963) (65609947) **10.00 To Have and Have Not** (1944) (24915812) **12.00 Kill Or Cure** (1962) (91043139) **1.35am Double Bunk** (1961) (34914077) **3.10-5.10 Invasion Quartet** (1961)

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Northern Ireland triumph

O'Neill breaks resistance of Liechtenstein

Liechtenstein 0
Northern Ireland 4

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON
IN VADUZ

NORTHERN Ireland, in the quaint surroundings of the Sportpark Eschen-Mauren here yesterday, completed their away matches in group six of the European football championship qualifying series. They remained unbeaten outside Belfast — a record that, under normal circumstances, might have meant a place in the finals in England next year. Instead, such has been their disappointing form at Windsor Park that they were left relying on other results to determine their immediate championship future.

Their opponents from Liechtenstein provided an awkward test for about half an hour. Once Northern Ireland had broken the resistance of the Alpine country ranked 153rd in the world, the rest was easy. How Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, would like it to be so when they conclude their group six commitments at home to Austria on November 15.

"We did what we had to do," Hamilton said. "It was quite unreal in many ways. The scenery was magnificent, the atmosphere was quiet and there were not many people watching us. That's not making excuses for playing poorly in the first half. It really was quite strange."

It would be difficult to find a more enchanting international venue, deep in the shadow of the imposing *Drei Schwestern* — Three Sisters — Mountain. Though the Sportpark was more of Icis League than European championship standard, it was at least clean and modern, unlike many an ancient Icis abode.

Liechtenstein defended with almost fanatical fervour during a one-sided first half. The Republic of Ireland had discovered exactly how frustrating the home resistance could be when they drew 0-0 in Eschen in June. Employing five at the back, with many auxillary defenders ready to assist if needed, Liechtenstein absorbed everything.

Not that Northern Ireland helped their cause, with patchy approach work and inconsistent passing. Lennon, the highly rated Crewe Alexandra midfield player, did his best to inject passion into the proceedings, yet no team-mate was able to match his heart and soul.

Perhaps Hamilton's players were a touch confused by the pre-match national anthems, which were bewilderingly similar. "It's a different song but the same tune," someone explained. Of course.

Northern Ireland's disorientation was quickly apparent, Gray lobbing weakly over Oehry and the crossbar from Lennon's cultured pass. Hunter also sent a weak header straight at Oehry when he should of done better.

In the 80F (26C) heat, patience was a virtue. Yet Northern Ireland's lack of penetration was more due to poor application than any attempt to pace themselves in the oppressive conditions. Quinn and Gray made little headway up front, while McMahon, on the right flank, beavered away industriously but to no great effect.

The pressure became more intense, as expected, with Northern Ireland at last creating some flowing moves instead of simply trying to batter down the door. Ten minutes from half-time, however, they made the breakthrough — via route one.

Fettis launched a huge clearance into the Liechtenstein half and Gray, rising high, flicked the ball on. O'Neill reacted more swiftly than those around him and drove in his second international goal on his 26th appearance.

Northern Ireland relaxed visibly as their opponents wilted in the heat and the awful expectation of another heavy defeat. The second half only confirmed their worst fears, with Northern Ireland adding further goals from McMahon, Quinn and Gray to confirm their superiority.

McMahon initiated the onslaught in the 48th minute, kneeling to nod in a free kick from Hughes for his first goal for Northern Ireland. Seven minutes later, Quinn scored for the twelfth time — one behind the Northern Ireland record of 13, held by Colin Clarke — when he unleashed a 25-yard shot that Oehry had no hope of saving.

Liechtenstein responded pluckily. The team of part-timers — Mario Frick, their only professional, was suspended — almost claimed their second goal of the championship when Klaunzer's long-range effort took a deflection that left Fettis stranded. Disappointingly for most of the 1,100 spectators the ball looped onto the top of the netting.

As the sun gradually disappeared, Northern Ireland concluded the formalities in the relative cool of early evening. McMahon clipped over an inviting cross and Gray powered a header past Oehry, an odd-job man who had accepted an impossible task.

LIECHTENSTEIN (5-4-1): M Oehry (SV Frastanz) — D Telser (FC Balzers), P Hefti (FC Vaduz), D Hasler (FC Vaduz), C Frick (FC Balzers, sub: T Hanselmann, FC Vaduz, 78min), R Hilti (USV Eschen-Mauren, sub: J Ospelt, FC Vaduz, 66) — H Stocker (FC Balzers, sub: R Sele, FC Triesen, 45), P Klaunzer (USV Eschen-Mauren), H Zech (FC Vaduz), R Oehri (FC Balzers) — F Schädler (FC Triesenberg).
NORTHERN IRELAND (4-4-2): A Fettis (Hull City, sub: T Wood, Walsall, 75) — S Lomas (Manchester City), B Hunter (Wrexham), C Hill (Leicester City), N Worthington (Leeds United) — G McMahon (Tottenham Hotspur, sub: P McGibbon, Manchester United, 80), N Lennon (Crewe Alexandra), M O'Neill (Hibernian), M Hughes (Strasbourg/West Ham United, sub: K Rowland, West Ham United, 90) — J Quinn (Reading), P Gray (Sunderland).
Referee: L Michel (Slovakia)

Ferguson jailed 5
Kinnear let off 44

GROUP SIX

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal ...	8	6	1	1	25	6	19
Austria	8	5	0	3	25	8	15
Ireland	8	4	2	2	15	7	14
N Ireland	9	4	2	3	15	12	14
Latvia	9	4	0	5	10	18	12
Liechtenstein	10	0	1	9	1	40	1

Not including last night's matches. Ireland v Latvia and Austria v Portugal

REMAINING FIXTURES: Nov 15: Portugal v Ireland, Northern Ireland v Austria.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

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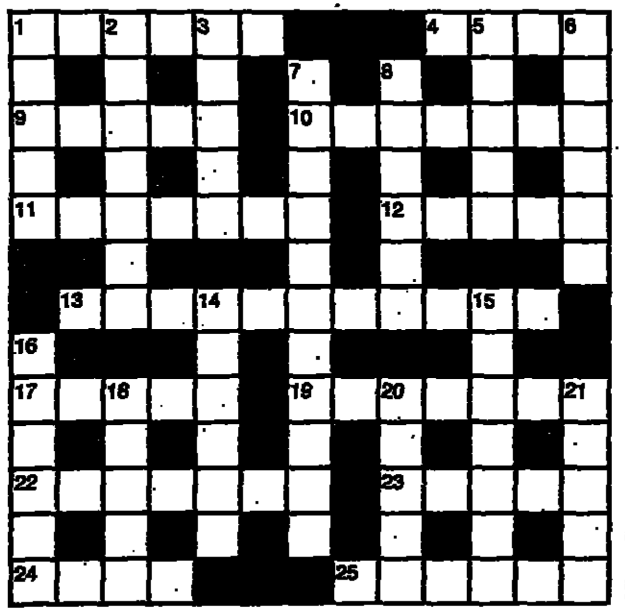

ACROSS
1 Relation: nurse (6)
4 *Denounce: emporium (4)*
9 Weighty: dense: difficult (5)
10 Finding of fact (7)
11 Pillow: prop up (7)
12 Hostile encirclement (5)
13 Telephone connection desk (11)
17 Slogan (5)
19 Reticule (7)
22 Clever clogs (4-3)
23 Saltpetre (5)
24 *One made a fool of (4)*
25 Baby bird: sounds like *seal* (6)

DOWN
1 Title of respect (India) (5)
2 Bird: gulp (7)
3 Pyramids country (5)
5 Heinrich —, 19C German poet (5)
6 Home-made (potato) drink (6)
7 Past one's prime (4,3,4)
8 Painting on wet plaster (6)
14 A pity, but can't be helped (3,3)
15 Emphasise humiliation (3,2,2)
16 Cured: had a drag (6)
18 Group of soldiers, Scouts (5)
20 Girl's name: French city (5)
21 Receive: lament (Scots.) (5)

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ACROSS: 1 Chambers 5 Chug 8 Attitude 9 Odin 11 Terse 12 Collins 13 Cloche 15 Tennis 18 Perplex 19 Iller 21 Rime 22 Cornered 23 Hang 24 Addendum
DOWN: 1 Chaotic 2 Altar 3 Better half 4 Reduce 6 Hadrian 7 Genus 10 Allegiance 14 Oarsmen 16 Serfdom 17 Oxford 18 Porch 20 Lurid

Sam Torrance watches his tee-shot at the 5th in a pro-am match at Wentworth yesterday. Torrance plays Bernhard Langer in the first round of the Toyota World Match Play Championship at the Surrey course today. Preview, page 46

Edwards angrily dismisses allegation of racial abuse

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SHAUN EDWARDS, the England rugby league captain, is unlikely to carry out a threat he made yesterday to bring his international career to a halt over an allegation that he racially abused John Hopoate, Australia's Tongan wing. It is a claim that has deeply wounded him, and which he has denounced as a lie.

Edwards, 28, said he was to consult his solicitor about Hopoate's allegation. In the continuing heat of an argument still boiling over from the opening match of the Halifax World Cup at Wembley on Saturday, he said: "There is no way I would behave in this sort of way. But if this is what international rubgy league has come to, the way I feel at the moment is that the sooner I get out from it, the better."

Nevertheless, Edwards was on the substitutes' bench for the group one match with Fiji at Wigan last night, and there was no sign of England casting round for a replacement. However, Edwards remains incensed.

"I am a Christian and I would never stoop so low as to abuse someone because they were of a different race," Edwards said. "My own girlfriend is black."

After the thrilling victory against Australia, Edwards had accused Hopoate of "sledging" Kris Radlinski, the England full back, over a mistake by the Wigan teenager that led to a try by Mark Coyne for Australia. Edwards explained: "All I said was that I felt he was unsporting and rugby is only a game after all."

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Bryant's Eye, page 46

WORLD CUP DETAILS

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: England 20 Australia 16; Fiji 52 South Africa 6; Australia 86 South Africa 6.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia ...	2	0	0	1	102	26	2
Fiji ...	1	1	0	0	52	6	2
England ...	1	1	0	0	20	16	2
South Africa ...	2	0	0	1	12	138	0

Not including England v Fiji

FIXTURES: Oct 14: Australia v Fiji (Huddersfield, 2.0) England v South Africa (Headingley, 7.0).

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: New Zealand 25 Tonga 24; Papua New Guinea 28 Tonga 28

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand .	1	1	0	0	25	24	2
Papua NG	1	0	1	0	28	28	1
Tonga	2	0	1	1	53	53	1

FIXTURE: Tomorrow: New Zealand v Papua New Guinea (St Helens, 8.0).

GROUP THREE

RESULT: Wales 28 France 6.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	1	1	0	0	28	6	2
France	1	0	0	1	6	28	0
W Samoa. ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURES: Today: France v Western Samoa (Cardiff, 8.0). Oct 15: Wales v France (Swansea, 6.0)

SEMI-FINALS

Oct 21: Winners group one v winners group three (Old Trafford, 3.0).
Oct 22: Winners group two v runners-up group one (Huddersfield, 3.0).

FINAL

Oct 28: Wembley (2.50)

Bristol halt predators by drawing up playing contracts

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BRISTOL decided yesterday that they will no longer be the target for potential rugby union predators: they have set the tone for English rugby's first division by putting in place the mechanism for playing contracts, leaving their players to concentrate on the game.

Derek Brown, the businessman who became Bristol's chairman during the summer, has made no bones about his belief that players should be paid. "Bristol are well positioned to meet the requirements of the new game and the young squad appears to be going from strength to strength," he said. "The committee are determined to lead the way into a new era and have already agreed with the players a structure that will lead to a smooth transition to full professionalism."

Indeed, Brown's proposals to the players last week were greeted with acclaim, particularly when it was understood that provision will be made for "past loyalty and commitment".

Eight members of Bristol's first-team squad have been approached to change clubs, not all by Newcastle, whose hopes of signing Alan Sharp, Garath Archer and Martin Corry have now been dashed. Sharp, the Scotland prop, met Rob Andrew, Newcastle's director of rugby, on Monday but he, along with his fellow forwards, decided against moving.

"This means we can now concentrate on doing our job on the field and not worry about what is going on in terms of payment," Corry, the promising back-row forward, said. Bristol have to abide for this season by the Rugby Football Union's decision to declare a moratorium on change to the amateur regulations, which also gives them time to put the necessary financial structures in place.

"Now that the first division clubs are working in concert, there will doubtless be licensing agreements which will bring in much larger sums," David Tyler, their commercial manager, said.

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Russia fined over damp court incident

THE Russia tennis federation was yesterday fined $25,000 for the court-watering incident at the Davis Cup semi-finals against Germany in Moscow last month.

"The specially-laid court in the Olympic stadium, although properly prepared by the Swedish manufacturers, was too damp due to unexplained overnight watering," the International Tennis Federation said.

The start of the opening singles match was delayed for one hour after referee Gilbert Ysern ruled the clay court was dangerous. Boris Becker, of Germany, later compared the playing conditions to "jogging on the beach." There was speculation the Russians had deliberately over-watered the court to make it as slow as possible, benefitting their players and blunting the attacking style of the Germans.

Despite the conditions, Germany won the opening singles matches to take a 2-0 lead. But the Russians rallied to win 3-2, with Andrei Chesnokov saving nine match points before beating Michael Stich in the decisive match.

Tennis Australia, the national ruling body, yesterday reappointed John Newcombe, the former Wimbledon champion, as their Davis Cup captain only two weeks after he failed to prevent them from crashing out of the elite world group for the first time, their worst moment in international tennis. Tony Roche was also retained as coach for another year.

Australia, winners of the Davis Cup 26 times, most recently in 1986, surrendered their position in the top 16 in the world by losing 3-2 to Hungary in Budapest last month.

British pair Colin Beecher, from Kent, and Barry Cowan, from Lancashire, both knocked out seeds to win places in the LTA Autumn Satellite Masters semi-finals at Birmingham.